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Former NHL player Theo Fleury sings on stage at the Spatz Theatre in Halifax on Thursday night during the Stolen From a Hockey Card concert, part of Scotiabank's Hockey Day in Canada events. Events are happening in the city through to Sunday. More coverage, page 9.

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February break, finally

Inaugural Heritage Day. Halifax-area MLA 'delighted' her crusade is about to come to fruition



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Ten years after she first suggested a February holiday for Nova Scotia, the current finance minister says she's proud and pleased that it's finally going to happen.

"I just wasn't sure how many years we were going to have to wait, but I always had faith that it was coming," said Diana Whalen.

Nova Scotians will enjoy the province's inaugural Heritage Day on Monday, now enshrined as the province's sixth statutory holiday, falling on the third Monday in February every year.

Whalen first tabled a private

member's resolution for a February holiday as an opposition MLA in 2005, when Alberta was the only province to have a long weekend to break up the long Christmas-Easter stretch.

"I kept asking every year and it seemed like every year another province is getting it... I could just see the momentum growing across the country," she said.

The Liberal government moved quickly to implement the holiday soon after being elected in November 2013, designating it "Heritage Day," with a list of historical figures that will be honoured in turn, year after year.

Whatever the name, Whalen said she's just happy that most Nova Scotians will finally get an extra day to relax.

"We have the fewest statutory holidays in the country and that's pretty important... We have to look at a fair, balanced work life for our workers as well," she said.

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Rumours of an Urban Outfitters, potential boon for Barrington St.

Business. Popular retail outlet now hiring for city



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If the rumours are true, one of Halifax's most talked-about downtown streets could be home to a new high-profile retailer, which is welcome news to some businesses along the strip.

Social media reports indicate that American-owned retailer Urban Outfitters, which sells a mix of clothing and home decor, would be opening its doors in May in the former location of Sam the Record Man.

Neither the building's owner Starfish Properties or Urban Outfitters returned Metro Halifax's interview requests by Thursday afternoon, but the retailer's website features several job postings for a location within the city.

Paul MacKinnon is the executive director of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission and said he doesn't see any downside to the potential of big chain stores opening along the street, which he said has been sitting in the shadow of its former retail glory for years.

"The real concern is that we've got lots of missing teeth on the street," he said of the high vacancy rates Thursday.

The opening of a big-name retailer not only means filled storefronts,



A block of Barrington Street which used to be the home of Sam the Record Man. Social media reports indicate that American-owned retailer Urban Outfitters, which sells a mix of clothing and home decor, would be opening its doors in May in the former location of Sam the Record Man. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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"Increasingly, what we're trying to sell here is an overall experience. The things that you can buy are certainly part of that experience, but not the only part."

Paul MacKinnon, executive director of Downtown Halifax Business Commission

MacKinnon said, but believes it offers added draw to entice more locals to come downtown more often — a belief shared by other Barrington business owners.

"Barrington Street needs

as much retail as it can get just to draw people down here and make them feel like coming down here as a shopping destination, not just a walk-through," said Rachael Grant, co-owner of clothing and jewelry bou-



Pedestrians pass in front of Urban Outfitters in New York.

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"More traffic is more traffic for everyone."

Elizabeth Macmichael of Freak Lunchbox agreed, saying the rumour has been

circling for nearly a year, but is nevertheless exciting.

"Having a larger brand come into the downtown is great," she said, explaining that many tourists and students bypass the street completely and mainly frequent Spring Garden Road.

MacKinnon acknowledged concerns that a big chain moving onto the street could push up rents and pose a threat to independent, locally owned businesses, but doesn't believe Barrington is at a stage to worry about that yet.

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'I want justice for Clayton'

Incarceration. Woman struggling for answers after son dies in Burnside jail from methadone overdose

Elizabeth Cromwell has been fighting for almost a year to get answers about the jailhouse death of her son, a 23-year-old man who was in prison awaiting a court hearing when he suddenly overdosed on methadone.

What the Halifax woman has found out so far doesn't add up. Clayton Cromwell wasn't part of a methadone treatment program, leaving his mother wondering how he obtained the drug in the Burnside jail and what safeguards were in place that may have saved his life.

"I want justice for Clayton," she said in a phone interview. "This ... devastated my life. I don't want somebody else's mom getting a phone call and a visit from the chaplain."

Cromwell was found unresponsive in his cell at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility on April 7. At the time, he was being held for a court appearance on a drug trafficking charge after he was arrested while on probation.

A medical examiner's report provided by Cromwell's family says he died accidentally from an overdose

of methadone. The amount of methadone found in his blood according to the report is consistent with a single therapeutic dose, depending on one's body weight, the Capital District Health Authority said.

But Cromwell wasn't supposed to be taking the drug and he "did not have extensive prior methadone use and tolerance," says the report.

Cromwell's mother said she wants to know whether rules governing the distribution of methadone were followed and whether reforms are needed, but her appeals for answers have been rebuffed by government officials while a police investigation continues.

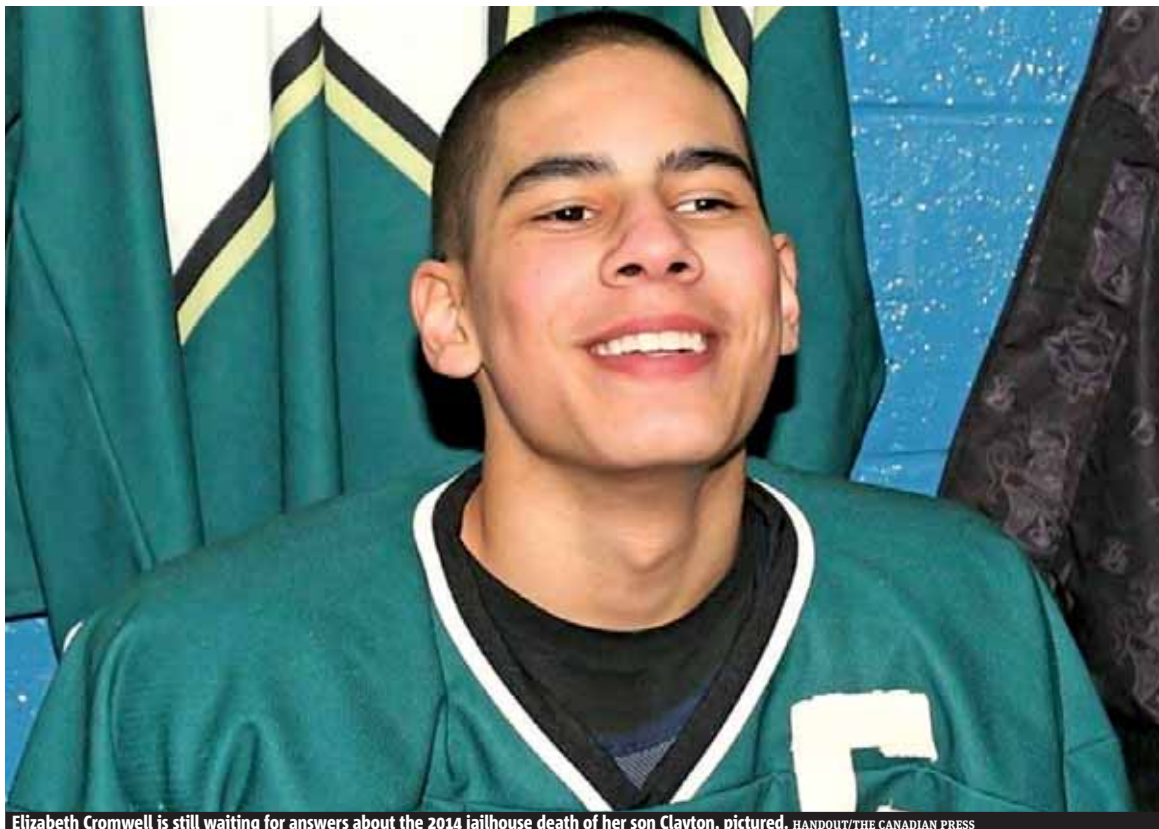
Her own freedom-of-information request for an internal inquiry was refused. Officials cited the need to protect her dead son's privacy.

But the bits of information the 52-year-old woman has received disturb her and lead to more questions.

On the day before Cromwell's death, all inmates were locked up in the unit for a search, prison records say. His mother said he didn't call her that day, which was unusual for him.

Those same records say another inmate was rushed to a hospital as staff distributed medications.

The next day, a chaplain came to his mother's home to tell her Cromwell died.



Elizabeth Cromwell is still waiting for answers about the 2014 jailhouse death of her son Clayton, pictured. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elizabeth Cromwell said the lack of information on her son's case adds to her grief as his birthday approaches on Monday.

She's left wondering whether her son's cell was among those searched for drugs and whether another inmate had an overdose the day before.

The Capital District Health Authority said it provides methadone to inmates who were undergoing methadone treatment prior to incarceration and the dosages

are in liquid form. Methadone can be used to treat withdrawal symptoms for

addicts as well as for pain medication.

There are no plans to

launch an external investigation, the health board said.

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Internal inquiry

Minister promises report

Nova Scotia's minister of justice says she will give the mother of a man

who died in a provincial jail copies of an internal inquiry once police have finished their investigation.

Justice Minister Lena Metlege Diab told media Thursday she sympathizes with the family's frustra-

tion at receiving blanked-out pages about what happened, but she says releasing the report could jeopardize the police's work.

The Justice Department has said it won't comment on the case.

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"He wanted to go back to school, go back to playing hockey. He wanted to go back to being himself."

Elizabeth Cromwell on her son Clayton

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Businesses fine with Heritage Day

New holiday. Finance minister says 'only a few' complaints about extra paid day off



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Although there were concerns about the effects of another statutory holiday to small businesses in Nova Scotia, it appears they've been muted by the anticipation of an extra day off.

The new Heritage Day statutory holiday means employees who qualify for the holiday will get a day off with pay, raising concerns about the cost involved with no business revenue coming in, especially for small businesses.

But the heads of two business associations in Halifax said their members haven't raised much in the way of opposition so far.

"If you were to call me and ask about commercial taxes,



Mic Mac mall will be closed on Monday due to the statutory holiday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

I could talk to you for three hours about the complaints from my members," said Karla Nicholson of the Quin-

pool Road Business Association Thursday, who also says the issue "is not at the top of the complaint list right now."

North End Business Association executive director Patty Cuttell-Busby, who was in the midst of preparations

for events honouring Viola Desmond, said she has heard only words of support for the new holiday from member businesses.

"Most of the businesses in our district are small businesses; a lot of sole proprietors out there," she said.

"So this is a day for them to spend with their family, doing something outside in the wintertime."

The Liberal government announced the new holiday in 2014 but said it wouldn't happen until this year, a decision Finance Minister Diana Whalen said may have helped mitigate some of the business concerns.

"This way they could get themselves organized and know that there would be an extra holiday this year and make whatever changes they needed," said Whalen, who's only received a "handful" of complaints about the holiday.

"It's only been a few, and I really think that as it becomes an annual event, that will just dissipate," she said. "It has in other provinces."

What's open or closed

Retail businesses that have to close on Christmas or Boxing Day, such as malls and grocery stores, will be closed on Monday.

- **Transportation.** Buses and ferries will be operating on holiday schedules. See individual route schedules at Halifax.ca/transit.
- **Garbage collection.** Garbage, green cart and recycling collection normally scheduled for Monday will take place on Saturday instead.
- **Optional.** Gas stations, restaurants, convenience stores and drug stores.
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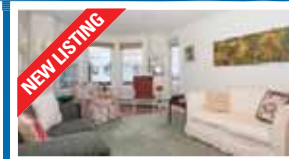
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Fall River woman pens love letters to Nova Scotia

Typography. Bee Stanton is one of six artists whose work will be highlighted at Argyle Fine Art's Textual Feelings exhibit



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Bee Stanton loves sailing her pen across the page, setting her voice to paper.

The Digby native, now living in Fall River, is one of six artists showcasing their typography work at Argyle Fine Art as part of the Textual Feelings exhibit, which runs Saturday until March 7.

"I'm able to say the things I'm not very good at saying with my voice," the 25-year-old said Thursday. "It's completely organic and hand-drawn ... tying typography with illustration."

Stanton is showcasing valentines and other pieces in the show, but said much of her art centres around a passion for her home province and the sea.

She was introduced to typography while taking graphic design at NSCC's Waterfront Campus, Stanton said, and



Bee Stanton shows off some of her typography at Argyle Fine Art on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

enjoyed working pictures into hand-drawn letters made with pen, ink and brushes.

After graduating in 2009, Stanton said she developed a "huge following" on social

media by sharing projects featuring classic Maritime songs, quotes or reflections on salty air and kitchen parties.

"I've gotten the comments many times: 'This is how I feel

but I didn't know how to say it,'" Stanton said. "It's really encouraging to see I'm pulling some heartstrings."

Social media has helped expose her art to internation-

al clients, Stanton said, like Origins Natural Skincare, an Estee Lauder company that asked her to handle the illustrated-design aspect of their campaign for a new serum,

Quoted

"I know for a fact I can't live without the sea too far." Bee Stanton

and flew her to New York for the launch.

"It was terrifying, surreal — you name every immense feeling you can have, and that was my week," Stanton said with a laugh.

Even with the international connections, Stanton said it's important for her to stay in the province, as most people her age leave to find work.

"Many people think, 'I want to get out ... this small town is holding me back.' But I think it empowers you. I think you can take pride in your home and take pride in the place that's so beautiful," Stanton said.

She added that it's up to government and everyone in the province to turning around the mindset of telling young people: "There's nothing here for you."

"What can you offer this place?" Stanton said. "Don't look for things this place can offer you, but what can you do to make it better?"

"If everyone worked together that way I think we'd be thriving."



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Above: Cassie Campbell-Pascall leads an on-ice hockey clinic at the Halifax Forum on Thursday as part of Scotiabank's Hockey Day in Canada. Right: Former Toronto Maple Leafs forward Wendel Clark chats with kids.

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'Dreaming large' at hockey clinic

Sport. Big stars skate with kids as part of Hockey Day in Canada

Laughter, the shrill of whistles and the whoosh of skates spraying snow echoed through the cold air of the arena.

Dozens of young hockey players from across the region were joined by NHL and Team Canada alumni at the Halifax Forum on Thursday afternoon for two hockey clinics as part of Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada.

"I got a selfie with Wendel Clark and he signed my jersey," Avery Walsh, aged 9, said with a grin, as she gestured to her Toronto Maple Leafs jersey bearing the famous Leaf's mark.

"It was fun; he's nice."

Walsh was one of many practising stick-handling, shots and sprinting along the Forum

ice while Olympian Cassie Campbell-Pascall and retired Montreal Canadiens player Mark Napier called out encouragement or goofed around.

"I was really nervous," Walsh said about practising with Campbell-Pascall. "She's just really good."

But Walsh said the former Team Canada athlete was nice, and Campbell-Pascall herself said she was happy to see so many girls lace up their skates.

"There's going to be lots of people still ... that say, 'Girls can't play hockey,'" Campbell-Pascall said. "They gotta walk tall with their equipment on their shoulders and say, 'Yes we can.'"

Napier said hockey has gotten so serious at the younger levels it was nice to see the kids going out to just "have a lot of fun."

Will Robichaud, also 9, skated through drills on the neighbouring Halifax Civic Centre ice with former Maple

Quoted

"The smiles we put on these guys' and girls' faces is unbelievable for us." Darcy Tucker

Leafs Darcy Tucker and Wendel Clark.

"It was kind of weird," Robichaud said with a smile about skating next to NHLers. "I like getting hockey cards signed, and it's cool to show people."

Tucker said he was nine years old himself when he met legendary Calgary Flames and Maple Leafs player Lanny McDonald. Even though he had watched him for years on TV, being able to meet in person made a pro career "seem real."

"I wanted to be just like that guy," Tucker said with a smile. "Hopefully I'm touching some of these young boys and girls in the aspects of dreaming large."

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Police arrest four following home invasion

South end. Officers stop getaway vehicle, catch fourth suspect during K9 pursuit

Halifax Regional Police say they had four people in custody after a home invasion occurred in the city's south end Thursday afternoon.

Police responded to an active break-in around 3 p.m. in the 6,000 block of Binney Street. Three residents were home at the apartment when four intruders, armed with a firearm broke in and demanded cash and property.

Police say none of the residents were injured and that the residents were able to call police once the intruders fled in a car.

Shortly after, officers

Charges

There was no word of possible charges Thursday evening.

spotted the car on Joseph Howe Drive and proceeded with a traffic stop on Abbott Drive.

They took three suspects into custody, while the fourth fled on foot.

He was apprehended after a short pursuit by a K-9 unit.

Police say a firearm was recovered from the car.

Both southbound lanes of Joseph Howe Drive were closed to traffic between Highway 102 and Mumford Road during the investigation, while one lane of traffic was open northbound.

METRO



Hearing delayed for two accused in Saunders killing

A pretrial hearing in Halifax to determine the admissibility of evidence in the homicide case of Loretta Saunders has been adjourned until Feb. 25. Victoria Henneberry and Blake Leggette are both charged with first-degree murder. Their four-week jury trial is scheduled to start April 20 in Nova Scotia Supreme Court. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Break-in

Thief legs it with \$5,000 in leggings

It looks like someone has a

love of leggings.

A truck parked at the Truro Mall this week had its passenger window smashed sometime between 8 and 10 p.m. Approximately 400

pairs of leggings held inside were stolen.

The leggings have a value of more than \$5,000.

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Khyber's pain at city arts grant rejection

Hannah Guinan.
Society member wants to improve relationship with powers that be

The artistic director of a well-known artist-run centre in Halifax says she's more disappointed than surprised not to make the city's cut for funding.

Hannah Guinan of the

Khyber Arts Society said their application for an \$11,352.20 grant for operating assistance ranked well, but according to a report released last week was denied due to "previously committed municipal assistance directed toward the organization's operational capacity for a three-year period."

Guinan said assistance came in the form of a one-time \$45,000 subsidy granted by the municipality last May, intended

to cover the costs of moving, storage and renovations after the centre was booted from its former building on Barrington Street due to asbestos and relocated to Cornwallis Street.

"You want the support of your city," Guinan said Thursday. "The relationship with the city has been stressful in the past, but I'd really like to form a better relationship and garner their support."

Guinan said with the big

move it's been a challenging year for the Khyber, both financially and programming wise.

The grant would have helped cover the day-to-day operating costs of running the centre, such as rent, as well as paying artists' wages, she said.

"We pay artists a proper wage and that's important for us and that's why we're here," she said. "That money would have covered 30 exhibitions."

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



The former home of the Khyber Arts Society on Barrington Street. JEFF HARPER/METRO



A Halifax Transit ferry JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax Transit. Schedule reflects bridge redecking

Halifax Transit has released the new service schedule for bus routes that will be impacted due to the redecking of Macdonald Bridge.

City spokesperson Tiffany Chase said beginning Feb. 23, no buses will be travelling across the bridge from Sunday to Thursday after 6:30 p.m., until the bridge is reopened the next morning.

In total, eight bus routes will be affected.

Chase explained transit riders in the evenings will have to transfer to a shuttle bus to cross the MacKay bridge.

She said Halifax Harbour Bridges has notified the city that there will likely be occasions when the Macdonald

Bridge is not closed overnight, which means the shuttle service would serve the Macdonald instead.

The main shuttle pickup and drop-off locations will be at Scotia Square mall at the corner of Barrington and Duke streets and the Bridge Terminal in Dartmouth.

On Thursday, Chase also said weekday ferry service to Alderney Landing will be increased from every 30 to 15 minutes after rush hour, starting March 2.

The ferry's Sunday service will also begin operating on their Saturday schedule.

People can visit halifax.ca/transit/bridgeredecking.php for more details. METRO

Weather

Snow to arrive on Friday but not in large quantities

The snow is coming as forecast Friday but it looks like Halifax will escape the large amounts.

Environment Canada is calling for between five and 10 centimetres of snow by Friday afternoon, with the snow expected to have begun overnight.

Earlier in the week, Environment Canada had issued a special weather statement for all of Halifax, advising about the possibility of a significant snowfall from a disturbance coming from the eastern seaboard of the United States.

More snow is in the forecast for Sunday, along with high winds, but exact amounts for Halifax hadn't been determined as of Thursday afternoon.

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RCMP call that led to complaint wasn't personal: Cabinet minister

Nova Scotia's community services minister says a phone call that led to her complaint against an RCMP officer wasn't based on any personal comments.

Joanne Bernard says the call to her constituency of-

fice on Monday had nothing to do with her or any member of her family, but she declined to say what it was about.

Bernard says she wasn't comfortable with the context of the call, which was

professional in nature, so she contacted police.

She says RCMP officers do not regularly contact her in her role as minister.

The Mounties said Tuesday that they are conducting an internal investigation

after Bernard alleged that an officer made an inappropriate comment to her and a member of her staff.

A spokesman wouldn't reveal details about the comment or the officer allegedly involved. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Premier Stephen McNeil is seen in a Metro file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Let's discuss doctor-assisted death: Premier

End of life. Premier says conversation should be a mature one

doctor-assisted death.

It also gives Parliament a year to draft legislation that recognizes the right of clearly consenting adults who are enduring intolerable physical or mental suffering to seek medical help in ending their lives.

It does not limit doctor-assisted death to those suffering a terminal illness.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay said Wednesday the federal government would be taking the time it needs to respond to the issue.

McNeil said the provincial government won't play any role as Ottawa considers its next step.

Quebec became the first province to adopt its own right-to-die legislation last summer.

That bill sets out strict conditions under which doctors would administer "continuous palliative sedation" until death.

The Quebec law is expected to take effect by December at the latest.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians need to have a mature conversation about assisted dying following last week's decision by the Supreme Court of Canada, Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil said Thursday.

McNeil said it's time to reach out to the public and the medical community to find out if there is a way to allow people to end their lives when faced with a terminal illness.

"I'm not sure we as the state or individuals should be making that determinant for them when they know there is no other outcome but passing away," said McNeil.

The high court ruling struck down the ban on

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"The federal government will determine whether or not there are changes to the Criminal Code."

Premier Stephen McNeil

Nova Scotia pride expected to shine at the 2015 Canada Winter Games

Sports. The province's top young athletic talents are set to contest curling, judo and ringette medals in Prince George, B.C.



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Nova Scotians are known for being "gritty and determined and hard-working," and that's exactly what can be expected from the province's young athletes competing at the 2015 Canada Winter Games over the next couple of weeks.

"It's just about good ol' Nova Scotia pride," Chef de Mission Mark Smith said Thursday from host city Prince George, B.C., as he and fellow team staff eagerly

Quoted

"I know our kids will do Nova Scotia proud, regardless of the outcome."

Chef de Mission Mark Smith

awaited the arrivals of the province's 225 contenders in sports ranging from skiing to swimming.

"(We're) the type that persevere — that's a quality that we're known by and often when you have those qualities it takes you a long way in life, and in sport as well."

In addition to athletes proudly wearing the province's blue and white, seeing them bring back some hardware would also be nice, but Smith admitted, "we have very modest expectations around medal count."



Members of Team Nova Scotia get their photo taken at a pep rally in January. COMMUNICATIONS NOVA SCOTIA

"The reality is that we've never been a very strong win-

ter sports province," he said, pointing to the 2011 Can-

ada Winter Games hosted at home in Halifax as an excep-

tion, when Nova Scotia won a high of 12 medals at the event held four years ago.

Half of those medals were in boxing and half-pipe snowboarding, which aren't part of the Games this time around, so "we can't realistically expect to match the performance."

That being said, the province's curling, judo and ringette participants all have strong shots at medalling, Smith said, adding you never know what will happen on the court, ice or field.

"We know that our kids are just as capable, on any given day, of stepping up and performing well," Smith said. "But really, it's about the health of our sports system and personal bests."

The 2015 Canada Winter Games run from Feb. 13 through March 1, with opening ceremonies set for Friday with the main competition set to kick off on Saturday.

Sports artist creates piece featuring Crosby, MacKinnon

For 350 hours, Robb Scott sat in front of his drawing board with a vision in mind and a pencil in hand.

Over and over again, he touched up spots and worked every inch of the page until it satisfied the image in his head. The result, one of his most impressive pieces to date — a combination of Nova Scotia's finest: Sidney Crosby and Nathan MacKinnon.

The photo is a celebration of Crosby's Hart Trophy win as the NHL's best player and MacKinnon's Calder Trophy win as top rookie. Both men signed each copy of the photo.

"I wanted to start creating something that wasn't just a nice collectible," Scott explained from his home in Greenfield. "If the signatures weren't on it, would it still be something people would want to buy?"

So far, people are buying it up, no problem. With 100 copies printed and selling for \$1,500 apiece, Scott has moved 60 copies since the piece launched on Jan. 21.

An accomplished sports artist, Scott comes from a humble background, having



Robb Scott shows off his latest work, a combination of Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby and Nathan MacKinnon. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

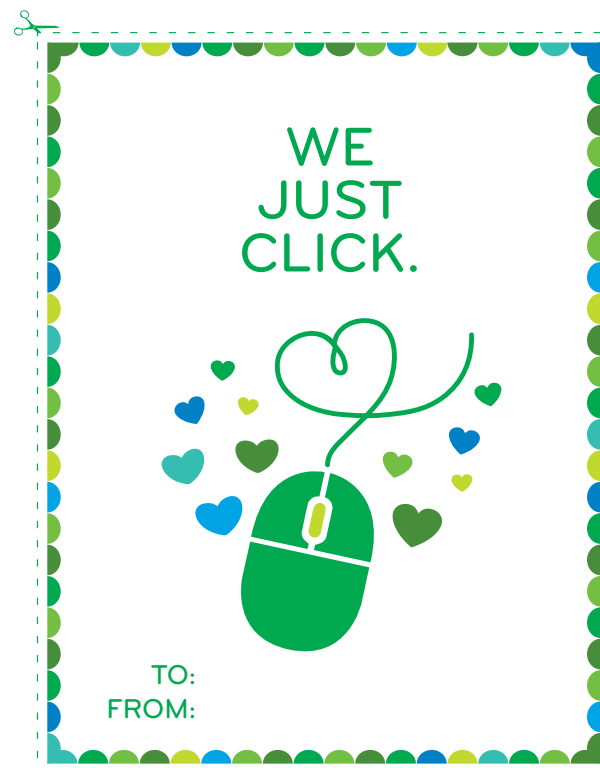
never received any artistic training. While applying for architecture school, he picked up a pencil and paper to do some sketches. He immediately saw his talent and soon began shaping his career around it.

"I knew I always wanted to be in business when I was younger," he said. "(The school) wanted some drawings. I started punching a bunch out, and I thought,

Nova Scotian sons

Anyone interested in purchasing a print can contact Scott through his website, www.autographedsports-art.com, for a \$100 promo code.

"Ahh, here is my way." NEW GLASGOW NEWS



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Acadia waits for meningitis diagnosis

Nova Scotia's chief public health officer says he expects to know by Friday which strain of bacterial meningitis was contracted by a second student at Acadia University in Wolfville.

If the second case of meningitis is from the same B strain as another case at the school, Dr. Robert Strang said Thursday that immunization clinics would be set up at the university next week

even though Acadia students have a weeklong study break, meaning many could be away from campus when immunizations begin.

Strang said his office has taken the break into account and would begin by immunizing students who stay on campus. There would not be an increased risk if immunizations take place over multiple weeks, he added.

The young woman, a first-

Cases

4

The number of meningitis cases in the province this year

year business student, became ill Monday and was taken to hospital near the school. She was recovering in hospital.

Strang has said all students

at the university will be immunized if it is the same B strain that was contracted by another female student who died earlier this month just a day after exhibiting symptoms.

There have been four cases of meningitis in the province this year, including a male student at St. Francis Xavier University who recovered. There were two cases last year, with the last fatality being reported in 2002. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A former worker at Harmony House Residential Services, who does not want to be identified for fear of harming her future employment prospects, questions the Department of Community Services' handling of the way public funds were used after the facility closed last June. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Ex-staffer claims fraud at residence

Community Services.

Former youth worker charges that taxpayer funds are misused

Money owed

Nan said she estimates she is owed between \$3,500 and \$5,000, although definite figures are hard to determine because of what she described as Digout's shoddy bookkeeping practices that had persisted for years.

A former employee of Harmony House Residential Services says she is baffled over the provincial government's lack of interest in trying to deal with what she calls "fraudulent" and "misuse" of taxpayer funding.

"Yes, it is fraudulent. Completely fraudulent," the individual said, regarding money paid by Community Services to Harmony House owner Rorie Digout that was intended to go to the operation's six employees.

The woman, who is referred to in this article as Nan (because she does not want her identity used out of fear it will affect her chances at finding future employment), said she and the other five former workers feel let down by Community Services, which has refused to become involved after it terminated funding to Harmony House in June.

Nan said she has spoken with the other five workers and her message is a general consensus of how they all feel.

"They haven't really wanted to bother with it and I think they were just trying to

kick us to the curb, push us out," she said of the department's lack of involvement.

CUPE representative Grant Dart, who has been handling the case on behalf of the six members, estimates that at least \$15,000 — money that came from Community Services — is owed to the former employees in severance pay, vacation pay, retroactive pay and RRSP benefits that have disappeared from the picture along with Digout.

Nan said she had worked for Harmony House for more than 10 years, primarily at a North River residence, and for the past five or six weeks at a second location in Hilden after the North River site was closed.

Since losing her job last June, it has been a struggle just to make ends meet, given the fact her husband is on a disability pension and she has two teenagers living at home.

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Sydney Academy grieves following accidental death of Grade 12 student

Chris Chafe. Boy died Wednesday after being hit by school bus

With classes cancelled due to the death of a Sydney Academy student Wednesday afternoon, attendance was low at the school on Thursday.

The Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board opened the school to students and staff who needed to speak with crisis counsellors.

The school grounds were quiet Thursday afternoon. A single bouquet of flowers with three bottles of Pepsi were pushed into the top of a snow bank in the vicinity of where it's believed Grade 12 student Chris Chafe and a few other students were gathered when the incident occurred at about 2:15 p.m.



A bouquet of flowers was pushed into a snow bank outside Sydney Academy Thursday in memory of Grade 12 student Chris Chafe, who died on Wednesday afternoon after being struck by a bus outside the school. CAPE BRETON POST

Wednesday.

Cape Breton Regional Police are still investigating but some say horseplay led to Chafe being pushed into the

street and directly into the path of a school bus.

He was run over by the bus and died at the scene.

School board co-ordinator

of school services Charles Sheppard said there was a "sombre mood" at the school Thursday as a result of the traumatic event.

He couldn't say how many students decided to attend school, only saying they were "coming in dribs and drabs" throughout the day.

Quoted

"Chris bro, I've known you for years, I just talked to you right before this happened.... Rest easy buddy."

Student Jeremiah Francis said on his Facebook page of Chris Chafe

A team of 10 crisis counsellors, who are employees of the board, were on hand for anyone who wanted to talk.

Police spokeswoman Desiree Vassallo said there's nothing new to update in the ongoing investigation.

Mounds of snow were removed from school property by the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's public works department in the morning.

Vassallo said it's common for police to ask public works to clear the scene following an accident. CAPE BRETON POST

Lawsuit filed against town, police in death of Victoria Paul

The Truro Police Service and the Town of Truro have received notice of a civil lawsuit filed against them by the family of the late Victoria Paul.

The lawsuit was filed last September but the defendants only received notice of it late last week.

They have 15 business days to respond to the action, which also names the Commissionaires of Nova Scotia, and Lee Henderson,

a retired sergeant with the police service who was the officer in charge.

Victoria Rose Paul of Indian Brook was arrested outside a Truro bar, along with her son, Deveron Paul, on Aug. 28, 2009. Eight days later, Victoria Paul died from an ischemic stroke she suffered while in police custody.

There have been three reviews into how police handled the matter, which

saw Paul lying in a puddle of her own urine for four hours, however none of the reports concluded charges were warranted.

It was 10 hours after Paul was put behind bars that police sought medical assistance.

Halifax lawyer Brian Hebert has filed to the suit on behalf of Deveron Paul and his young son — Victoria Paul's grandson.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Annapolis Valley

Harley Lawrence murder case adjourned

A preliminary hearing for two men charged in the death of a homeless man has been adjourned until Feb. 23.

Daniel Wayne Surette and Kyle David James Fredericks are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Harley Lawrence.

The 62-year-old man was found in a burned-out bus shelter in October 2013 in Berwick, a small town in the

Annapolis Valley

Police have released few details about the case, including how Lawrence died. A publication ban is in effect on the evidence at the preliminary hearing in Kentville provincial court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lunenburg

Nova Scotia landmark to get \$750,000 renovation

The federal government is spending \$420,000 to help

pay for interior renovations to a century-old landmark in Lunenburg.

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency says the money will be used to repair and improve the Lunenburg Academy, a former school that first opened in 1885. Known locally as the "Castle on the Hill," it will be altered to create space for culture-related businesses and organizations.

The town is contributing \$180,000 to the project and another \$150,000 will come from the Lunenburg Academy Foundation.

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Iraq. Canadian troops in fourth firefight with ISIL

Canadian troops were recently involved in another exchange of fire with extremists in northern Iraq, a skirmish that comes as the U.S. prepares to expand the scope of its special forces missions throughout the region.

A draft resolution before the U.S. Congress would, if passed, authorize "ground combat operations in limited circumstances" and special forces missions targeting leaders of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). That will put pressure on the Harper govern-

ment as it prepares to renew Canada's commitment to the combat mission against ISIL, defence experts said Thursday.

Capt. Paul Forget, a spokesman for the country's joint operations command, refused to provide details on the latest episode, citing operational security. But Forget did say it was similar to three previous gun battles in which Canadian troops returned fire while visiting the front line during a planning exercise.

There were no Canadian casualties, he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Citizenship ceremonies

Harper vows to fight court order lifting veil ban

Vowing to appeal a federal court decision that allows citizenship candidates to wear face coverings at swearing-in ceremonies, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's "offensive" that persons would want to hide their identity "at

the very moment where they are committing to join the Canadian family."

In a ruling last Friday, the Federal Court of Canada said it is "unlawful" for the government to mandate new citizens to remove the veil while taking the oath because it violates the country's own immigration law, which gives citizenship judges the discretionary power to accommodate religious needs.

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'A step in the right direction' for jailed Canadian journalist

Egypt. A judge ordered Mohamed Fahmy released on bail pending a retrial on terror-related charges

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says the federal government will continue to press for the release of Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy and he is optimistic the case will be resolved.

Fahmy, a Canadian journalist who has spent more than a year in a Cairo prison, was ordered released on bail by an Egyptian court on Thursday pending a retrial on terror-related charges.

His case returns to court on Feb. 23.

Fahmy's supporters have been critical of Harper's involvement, imploring him to intervene directly in Fahmy's case with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi.



Al Jazeera journalist, Canadian-Egyptian Mohamed Fahmy, left, arrives at court in Cairo for his retrial on Thursday. Fahmy and a colleague were ordered released on bail pending their retrial. GETTY IMAGES

Asked Thursday whether he'd spoken directly to el-Sissi, Harper wouldn't say so directly, but did suggest he'd been in touch with his Egyptian counterpart.

"Our government has for sometime now has been in contact with Egyptian authorities at all levels, including

my level," Harper said.

The unexpected development prompted expressions of jubilation from Fahmy's family, although the 40-year-old's legal battles aren't quite over yet.

"We're extremely happy because it's unbelievable to have your brother back after

Quoted

"We still feel that the Canadian government is not applying the sufficient pressure."

Adel Fahmy, Mohamed Fahmy's brother

14 months, especially with such injustice and all the pain he's endured," said Fahmy's brother, Adel Fahmy. "We still want full exoneration, if not, then deportation, and we still want Canada to pressure hard, but it was a step in the right direction."

Fahmy was the only defendant who was ordered to pay an amount equivalent to about \$41,000 for his release on bail, as he was considered a flight risk.

His family paid that amount within hours of the court hearing but were told it would take until Saturday for paperwork to be processed for Fahmy to leave prison.

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Doctors hope to find liver donor for second twin soon

Several potential organ donors are undergoing tests at a Toronto hospital and doctors say they are hopeful they will soon find a match for a little girl who needs a new liver to survive.

Three-year-old Phuoc Wagner, who has Alagille

syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects vital organs, received a part of her father's liver Tuesday, but her twin sister Binh, who suffers from the same condition, is still waiting for a donor.

Dr. Gary Levy, who runs the liver donor program at

the Toronto General Hospital, said Phuoc and her father, Michael Wagner, are "recovering well" following the surgeries.

He said more than 400 potential donors have come forward since the Kingston, Ont., family made a public

plea last month and he hopes a donor match for Binh is close.

"We anticipate that within the next short while, seven to 14 days, we will define several individuals who can step forward to be the donor for Binh," Levy said.

Phuoc remains in hospital and really wants a hug from her mother, said the girls' mother, Johanne Wagner.

She called her husband, Michael Wagner, her "hero" for giving part of his liver to Phuoc.

The twin girls' story

made headlines around the world when the family said it couldn't possibly decide which daughter would receive the donation, so they left it to doctors to pick the best candidate based on medical reasons.

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Flag first met with heckling, caused bitter national brawl

50th birthday. Canada prepares to celebrate now-beloved Maple Leaf flag this Sunday

When Lester B. Pearson unveiled his top pick for a new Canadian flag at a Winnipeg legion hall in July 1964, he was met with boos, hisses and heckling from veterans who accused him of selling out Canada to the “pea soupers.”

The Liberal prime minister had campaigned a year earlier on replacing the Red Ensign — the country’s unofficial flag that paired Canada’s coat of arms and the Union Jack — with a uniquely Canadian emblem as the 1967 centennial approached.

As Canada prepares to celebrate its now-beloved flag’s 50th birthday on Sunday, the national brawl that erupted as Pearson forged ahead with his



A Canadian flag flies in the wind at Granville Island in Vancouver, B.C. Sunday marks 50 years since the now-beloved Maple Leaf flag was adopted. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

plans is a distant memory.

“It was the debate, the issue,” said Conservative Sen. Marjory LeBreton, who worked in opposition leader John Diefenbaker’s office as the battle

raged on. In a recent interview, LeBreton pointed out that Canada’s military veterans had fought under the Red Ensign in two world wars — one of which had only ended 20 years earlier.

Nonetheless, young Canadians argued with their parents about the need for a new flag; one would-be designer even submitted a flag proposal festooned with John, Paul,

George and Ringo as Beatlemania gripped North America.

Some English-Canadians, meantime, accused French-Canadians — the aforementioned “pea soupers” — of being behind the push to cut Canada’s ties to Great Britain even as one Quebec MP, Pierre Trudeau, sniffed that Quebecers didn’t give a “tinker’s damn” about a new flag.

Just a few months after Pearson’s PR disaster in Winnipeg, however, he managed to convince a majority of parliamentarians — including Conservatives — to vote in favour of the red Maple Leaf chosen by his flag selection committee as the new official emblem.

It wasn’t the flag he liked best and had displayed to the angry legion members that summer. The so-called Pearson Pennant, a sprig of three red maple leaves bordered by blue bars, ultimately lost out to the flag Canadians know today.

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Joan O’Malley



Sewing a piece of Canadian history

Five decades ago, a young Joan O’Malley was summoned by her father one snowy November night to sew Canada’s first Maple Leaf flag.

On the flag’s 50th birthday this Sunday, she’ll be celebrating with as many as 900 other snowbirds at a party in Panama City Beach, Fla. where she’s sure to be belle of the ball.

“I remember thinking it was beautiful, and wondering: ‘Why shouldn’t Canada have its own flag?’” said O’Malley. “The maple leaf was a symbol all Canadians recognized, and that flag was stunning, as far as I was concerned. I loved it.”

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PM’s flag shindig backfired

Lester B. Pearson was so delighted by his pick for a potential new Canadian flag that the Liberal prime minister summoned some journalists to 24 Sussex Drive in the summer of 1964 to show it off.

“He was like a boy with a new bicycle,” Toronto Telegram reporter Ron Collister is quoted as saying in the 1968 book Assignment Ottawa by colleague Peter Dempson.

About a dozen reporters were invited to enjoy a cup of tea with Pearson at 24 Sussex in July ’64 and watch him unfurl his choice for the new flag, dubbed the Pearson Pennant.

As the reporters left, however, Pearson told them there was a catch to the visit — any stories about his pick for the design would have to be attributed to a “reliable source,” not the prime minister himself.



Of the final three flag designs considered in 1964 to replace Canada’s red ensign, this one was prime minister Lester B. Pearson’s favourite. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dempson’s book recalls how Toronto Star Weekly reporter Walter Stewart, a relative newcomer to the press gallery, balked, uncomfortable with the idea of writing a positive story about Pearson’s flag design without naming the source.

He subsequently identified Pearson as the source of the

story and wrote of the visit to 24 Sussex, infuriating the prime minister to such an extent that instructions were issued to staff to deny Stewart any information in the future.

Other members of the press who weren’t invited to the flag shindig were miffed that the prime minister had played favourites. THE CANADIAN PRESS

How to handle a flag

While there are no laws dictating how to fly or use the Canadian flag, protocols have developed over the years. Here are some guidelines about the Maple Leaf from Canadian Heritage:

1. The flag should “be displayed only in a manner befitting this important national symbol; it should not

be subjected to indignity or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag.”

2. It should not be used as a table cloth or seat cover, or “as a barrier on a dais or platform.”

3. Nothing should be pinned to or sewn onto the flag. It should not be signed or marked in any way.

4. The flag should not touch the ground.

5. “When the national flag of Canada is raised or lowered, or when it is carried past in a parade or review, all present should face the flag, men should remove their hats and all should remain silent.”

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Pakistan, Afghanistan

12 Taliban involved in deadly school attack

Pakistan announced the arrest of 12 members of the Pakistani Taliban militant group over their alleged involvement in a deadly attack on a Pakistani school, an army spokesman said

Thursday.

Another nine members of what is believed to be a 27-member cell have already been killed, Maj. Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa told a media briefing.

Bajwa credited the co-operation by neighbouring Afghanistan — where six of the men were arrested based on tips from Pakistani intelligence.

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United States

Mother pleads guilty to killing six newborns

A U.S. mother pleaded guilty Thursday to killing six of her newborns and storing their bodies in the garage, bringing a case prosecutors called uniquely heinous closer to resolution.

Megan Huntsman, 39, faces up to life in prison when she's sentenced April 20. Her voice broke as she said "guilty" six times to answer for each count.

The guilty pleas are the result of a deal that could reduce her minimum sentence to five years, but "we'll be shocked if she ever gets out," Utah County attorney Jeff Buhman said.

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Bobbi Kristina Brown

Two injured in car accident before bathtub scene

Whitney Houston's daughter was involved in a traffic accident that injured two people days before she was found face-down in a bathtub, according to a police report obtained by

The Associated Press.

Bobbi Kristina Brown lost control of her Jeep Liberty when a tire blew out on Jan. 27, crossing into oncoming traffic and colliding with another vehicle. Police in the Atlanta suburb of Roswell described "extensive damage" to both vehicles. Brown's passenger and the other car's driver were hospitalized.

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New peace deal set for Ukraine

Negotiations.

Ceasefire effective starting 5 p.m. EST Saturday with special status for rebel regions

Guns will fall silent, heavy weapons will pull back from the front, and Ukraine will trade a broad autonomy for the east for control of the Russian border by the end of the year under a peace deal hammered out Thursday in all-night negotiations between Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany.

The deal was full of potential pitfalls, however, that could derail its implementation. In announcing the plan, Russia and Ukraine disagreed over what exactly they had agreed to in marathon 16-hour talks, including the status of a key town under rebel siege.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told reporters that the agreement envisages a ceasefire that will be effective starting from the start of the day Sunday (5 p.m. EST Saturday) as well as a special status for the rebel regions, provisions on border controls and humanitarian issues.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said there was no agreement on any autonomy for eastern Ukraine, a long-time demand of Russia that wants it to maintain leverage over its neighbour and prevent it from joining NATO.

However, the deal requires Ukrainian parliament to give wide powers to the eastern regions as a condition for restoring Ukraine's full control over the border — a provision certain to trigger heated political debate in Ukraine.

The agreement is a compromise allowing both Russia and Ukraine to claim victory, but it's full of potential pitfalls that may derail it. Even the declared ceasefire remained uncertain, as Putin admitted he and Poroshenko disagreed on assessing the situation in a key flashpoint, the government-held town of Debaltseve.

"We now have a glimmer of hope," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who brokered the talks in the Belarusian capital together with French President Francois Hollande.

More than 5,300 people have died since April in the fighting, which raged on during Thursday's talks.

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Women mourn deaths of three shot over parking spaces

Female mourners gather for the funerals of Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23; his 21-year-old wife of less than two months, Yusra Mohammad Abu-Salha; and her 19-year-old sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, at the Method Road Soccer Complex Thursday, on the North Carolina State campus in Raleigh, N.C. The three were shot to death Tuesday, in what police described as a long-standing argument over parking spaces at the condominium complex where Barakat had lived for more than a year. COREY LOWENSTEIN/THE NEWS & OBSERVER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Republicans vow to toughen Obama's request

U.S. congressional Republicans vowed Thursday to toughen President Barack Obama's day-old legislation to authorize military force against fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, as House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi warned, "It's going to be hard" to find common ground.

Nothing underscored the yawning divide between the two parties more than Obama's request to bar "enduring offensive combat operations" from the struggle against terrorists who have seized territory in Syria and Iraq and beheaded hostages.

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Ecology. Oceans full of plastic from landfills

Around eight million metric tonnes of shopping bags, bottles, food wrappers, toys and other plastic waste drifted into the world's oceans in a single year, says a new study that warns the amount could double over the next decade.

The unique research,

published Thursday in the journal Science, suggests that between 4.8 million and 12.7 million metric tonnes of plastic entered the oceans in 2010 from people living within 50 kilometres of coastlines in 192 countries.

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Chinese relatives protest in Malaysia over missing plane

Flight MH370. Officials in Kuala Lumpur say declaration lost plane was an accident was intended to allow families to move on

Chinese relatives of passengers on a missing Malaysia Airlines flight protested Thursday outside the carrier's office, urging Malaysia to rescind a declaration that all on board have perished.

Flight 370, which disappeared last March 8 while

flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean off Australia. A search is ongoing but no confirmed debris has been found.

Malaysia's government on Jan. 29 formally declared the plane an accident and said all 239 people on board were presumed dead, paving the way for compensation claims. It upset victims' families, who are still waiting for evidence of the plane's fate.

Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai assured the relatives that the international search will continue.

Fifteen Chinese relatives of passengers arrived Wednesday in Malaysia to demand answers, and more are expected to arrive before the Lunar New Year. Most of the passengers were from China.

Wearing red T-shirts with the words "Pray for MH370," they held posters outside the airline's office reading, "Who can tell us what happened?"

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An unidentified Chinese family member of a passenger on board the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 protests outside the Malaysia Airlines office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Thursday. JOSHUA PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU. Leaders debate new anti-terror measures

Paris attacks

Galvanized by the recent terror attacks in France, European Union leaders on Thursday debated a range of ambitious steps to better protect their 28 nations, including exchanging airliner passenger manifests, tightening controls at the border and combating extremism on the Internet.

On Wednesday, European Parliament members, by a 532-136 vote, pledged to work toward getting a passenger name record program enacted by the end of 2015. An earlier attempt died in 2013 when a committee rejected it on civil liberty grounds.

Gilles De Kerchove, the EU's counter-terrorism chief, has called for the swift implementation of a new screening system to detect suspicious travel movements, and suggested it is also time to change some of the rules governing the "Schengen area," where 26 European countries, among them 22 EU nations, have abolished passport and customs controls among one another.

The EU leaders were expected to consider better co-or-

ISIS interviews wanted widow

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant published what it described as an interview with the widow of the French gunman who attacked a kosher supermarket and a police officer in Paris last month, claiming for the first time that she was among extremist fighters.

The text interviews did not directly name Hayat Boumeddiene or show images of her, instead identifying her only as the wife of Amedy Coulibaly, or Umm Basur al-Muhajirah.

dination among existing institutions like Europol, Eurojust — the EU-wide agency of prosecutors, police and investigating magistrates — and the bloc's counter-terrorism co-ordinator. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I cannot accept it. Where is the debris? Where are the bodies? Nothing is found, why declare it an accident?"

Wang Rung Xiang, 58. Her only son, Hou Bo, 35, was on the plane.

California

Bill Cosby puts off another show

Bill Cosby has postponed a comedy performance in Bakersfield, Calif., amid allegations of sexual abuse of women.

The 77-year-old Cosby has cancelled or postponed more than a dozen shows on his comedy tour in the wake of allegations by numerous women that they were sexually abused by the actor-comedian.

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Yemen

State 'collapsing', UN warns

The UN envoy to Yemen warned Thursday that the impoverished country is at a crossroads between "civil war and disintegration" and a successful political transition, while Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the state is "collapsing before our eyes." The grim view followed moves by the U.S., Britain and France to close their embassies amid fears that Houthi rebels will try to expand their control.

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Argentina. Ex-wife pans prosecutor's death probe

The ex-wife of the prosecutor whose mysterious death has rocked Argentina criticized the investigation Thursday, calling for an international commission to take up the case and accusing the lead investigator Viviana Fein of releasing too much information.

Sandra Arroyo Salgado said she had asked the Public Defender's Office to bring the death of former husband Alberto Nisman to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

"Overexposure in the media facilitates the impunity of those responsible" for Nisman's death, she said.

The prosecutor was found with a bullet in his head in his bathroom on Jan. 18, the day before he was to elaborate to Congress on his allegation that President Cristina Fernandez had brokered a secret deal with Iran to help shield Iranian officials charged in the 1994 attack on a Jewish community centre that killed 85 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama. County ordered to issue gay marriage licenses

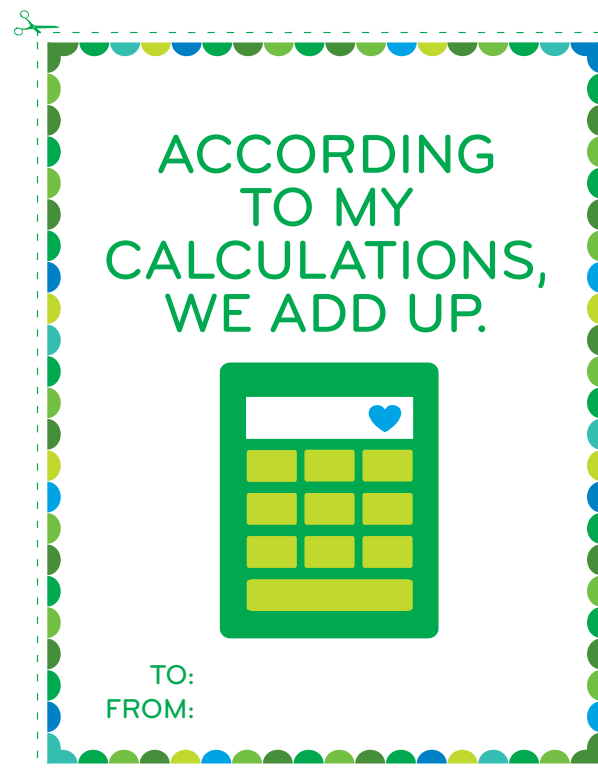
The federal judge who overturned Alabama's gay marriage ban ordered a defiant county to begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, signalling to judges across the state that they should do the same.

U.S. District Judge Callie Granade directed Mobile County to begin issuing the licenses, saying a judge there had no reason to deny them after she ruled Alabama's ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional. Granade's ruling went into effect Monday

after the U.S. Supreme Court refused the conservative southern state's request to stop the marriages. But many Alabama counties are still refusing to wed gays, after the state's conservative chief justice declared that judges don't have to hand out same-sex marriage licenses.

At least 22 of Alabama's 67 counties are issuing marriage licenses to gay couples. With the Alabama ruling, gay marriage remains banned in only 13 of the 50 U.S. states.

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Facebook to let users pick 'legacy contact'

Social media. With hundreds of thousands making memorial requests for deceased loved ones, company's latest move gives users more choice

The world's biggest online social network said Thursday that it will now let users pick someone who can manage their accounts after they die. Previously, the accounts were "memorialized" after death, or locked so that no one could log in.

But Facebook says its users wanted more choice. Beginning in the U.S., Facebook users can now pick a "legacy contact" to post on their pages after they die, respond to new friend requests and update their profile picture and cover

Online memorial

To memorialize a Facebook account, a loved one would provide proof of the person's death, such as an obituary.

- **Search result management.** Once notified, Facebook will work to ensure that a deceased user no longer shows up in searches or as a suggested friend.

- **Memorialized accounts.** Facebook wouldn't confirm how many accounts have been memorialized on the site boasting more than 1.4 billion users, but company product manager Vanessa Callison-Burch said they receive requests from hundreds of thousands of loved ones to do so.

photo. Users can also have their accounts deleted after their death, which was not possible before.

If you want someone to manage your account after you die, click on the upside-down triangle on the top right corner of your page and find "security settings."

For U.S. users there will be an option to edit your legacy contact, who must be a Facebook user. But you

don't have to pick someone else to manage your account.

You can also check a box to permanently delete your account when you die.

The person you decide will manage your Facebook account won't be notified of your choice until your Facebook account is memorialized. But you can choose to send them a message right away. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Kellogg's suffers fourth-quarter sales decline

Kellogg's Special K cereal boxes are displayed on a grocery store shelf in Omaha, Neb. The cereal brand can't shake its outdated image among weight watchers; Kellogg's said Thursday its U.S. cereal unit suffered another sales decline in its last quarter, hurt by the performance of its top moneymaker. CEO John Bryant said people are no longer focused on holding back calories and want foods that make them feel good. **NATI HARNIK, FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Oil prices

Cenovus to cut jobs amid decline

A steep drop in oil prices has led oilsands producer Cenovus Energy to consider cutting 15 per cent of its labour, amounting to 800 jobs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Korean Air heiress gets a year in jail over 'nut rage'

An onboard tantrum dubbed "nut rage" culminated Thursday in a one-year prison sentence for Korean Air heiress Cho Hyun-ah, a humiliating rebuke that only partially quelled public outrage at the excesses of South Korea's business elite.

Cho, the daughter of Korean Air's chairman, achieved worldwide notoriety after she ordered the chief flight attendant off a Dec. 5 flight, forcing it to return to the gate at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York.

Head of cabin service at the time of the incident, Cho was angered she had been offered macadamia nuts in a bag instead of on a dish. A heated and physical confrontation with members of the crew in



Cho Hyun-ah
AHN YOUNG-JOON, FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

first class ensued.

A Seoul court said Cho, 40, was guilty of forcing a flight to change its route, obstructing the flight's captain in the performance of his duties, forcing a crew member off a plane and

assaulting a crew member. It found her not guilty of interfering with a transport ministry investigation into the incident. Cho pleaded not guilty and prosecutors had called for three years in prison.

Cho, in custody since Dec. 30, wiped away tears with a tissue as a letter expressing her remorse was read to the court by head judge Oh Seong-woo.

The chief judge said the court took the totality of Cho's actions into account, but also recognized she showed remorse for what she did.

Even if the ruling is appealed, Cho faces a year in prison as upper court decisions can take more than a year to resolve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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DON'T WORRY, COUPLES HAVE LAME VALENTINE'S DAYS, TOO



THE KOHLER REPORT

By Rebecca Kohler

Are you going to be alone for Valentine's Day? Stop crying! You have options. One avenue is to book yourself a ticket to Portland, Ore., like, right now, and get yourself to Cuddle Con: The Cuddle Convention! The other is to count your blessings for being single and avoiding what will probably be a disappointment for 75 per cent of the coupled population. Those couples will receive stale chocolates or sit through awkward conversationless dinners for two — if they actually do anything at all.

First let's talk about this cuddling convention. Held at the Bossanova Ballroom in Portland, and costing \$25 a ticket, Cuddle Con is a 12-hour event featuring a vast array of cuddle-related activities: Consent 101, "a crash course on Cuddle Con's culture of consent," Poetry For Passion Competition, dance classes, AcroYoga lessons and, finally, a 2.5-hour group snuggle that will be followed by a Valentine's Day Dance. Maybe you can dance with your co-cuddler? Sound fun?

Okay, you're still crying. Maybe the idea of paying someone to cuddle you is depressing. Or maybe cuddling with a stranger comes with an ick factor (it does for me: I'm a germophobe and it's measles season)! But the good news is that Cuddle Con's very existence is proof you are not alone in being alone. In fact, cuddling companies have been popping up all over the place — there's one in Vancouver, Montreal and rumour has it, others are on their way to Toronto and Edmonton.

People don't open businesses to sell things that other people don't need. Is there a store, for instance, that sells a kick in the teeth? No. People need hugs, so you are not alone.

It's not surprising that Cuddle-Con is on V-Day, as that's a day when a lot of people become uncomfortably aware that they have no one to hug. But if you're feeling "uncomfortably aware" of anything, again, I promise you, you're not alone.

Valentine's Day puts a spotlight on everyone's love life. Sure, it makes a single person wonder things like, "Why am I alone? Is something wrong with me? Who will fix my sink?" etc. But the spotlight doesn't discriminate. Try being in a mediocre relationship on the 14th. It's like this giant pale, sickly heart comes into your house to remind you it's dying.

It wasn't until my early 20s that I finally had a boyfriend on the big day. I was so excited. I pictured one of those heart-shaped boxes of chocolate and a card that said things like "I love you." Instead, my boyfriend showed up an

Don't be jealous

My boyfriend showed up an hour late with a wilted rose and proceeded to complain for the rest of the night about how expensive it was.

hour late with a wilted rose and proceeded to complain for the rest of the night about how expensive it was,

"Ten bucks for a rose? WTF?"

I don't think I've ever received a Valentine's Day present that really hit the love spot. I once received an egg poacher (?). I had mixed feelings upon being gifted a cigarette case; I mean, yeah, I smoked at the time, so I guess it was thoughtful but it kind of felt like, "Here's a cigarette case. I love you, but I also hope you die one day."

I think the day died for me in 2010. I was leaving for an overnight trip on the morning of February 14th and my boyfriend gave me a card and said, "Don't open it until you're on the train." I took this to mean it was meaty, or at least that I'd enjoy it.

So I waited diligently and as the train pulled out of the station, I opened the card and

all it said was, "I hope you have a nice day." Wow. No "love." No "so glad I met you." Not even an "xo." I proceeded to have the worst day.

To my surprise that man was not super-committed to like, our relationship, and I spent Valentine's Day fixing and re-fixing my tear-smudged makeup.

I have a pretty nice boyfriend now. We both think V-Day is kind of dumb, and Valentine's Day is easier now that we keep expectations low. We'll probably just exchange cards and luckily, this one knows how to write more than one sentence. Will we cuddle? Maybe a little. But we might also get into a fight about who left the space heater on overnight and spend the rest of the day being passive aggressive with each other because that's what relationships are all about. That and love.

If you're single and you go to Cuddle Con, you might get more hugs than me on the 14th. If you don't, you might stay in, under a blanket, eating delicious snacks, binge-watching your favourite show on Netflix. That would be a way nicer day than my Valentine's 2009. Trust me. |

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Happy face/Sad face

From Jon Stewart's departure to Kanye West's outburst, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



SAY IT AIN'T SO

Fans of late-night news satire, still mourning the recent end of The Colbert Report, are reeling this week from the announcement that Jon Stewart will be leaving The Daily Show. The comedy legend has been hosting the show — and putting Fox News pundits in their place — for 16 years.



MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY POKER WITH YOUR DOG

File under pet owners already know this: A new study says that dogs are able to tell the difference between happy and angry human facial expressions. Various breeds were trained to touch either a happy face or a sad face for a treat.



A GHASTLY MISTAKE

A Romanian diplomat's secret spreadsheet describing guests at an upcoming dinner party as "undesirable" and "ghastly," was accidentally mailed out with the invitations. Recognizing that no amount of diplomacy was going to fix this one, the Foreign Ministry fired him.



HEARTBEATS

Just in time for Valentines Day, researchers at Simon Fraser University say they've created beating heart cells made from skin and blood tissue. The researchers hope the discovery could eventually be used to replace dead or damaged heart tissue in heart attack patients.



OH YEEZUS...

Hey, Kanye, I'm-a say something. Yes, the Grammys, much like other social institutions, have institutionalized racism. Yes, when white hip-hop artists who are literally pale imitations of their more talented black counterparts are heralded as the best the genre has to offer, racism probably has something to do with it. But your fight is not with Beck, who, much like yourself and Beyoncé, is very skilled. Much respect to all the musical artists out there doing their thing.



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The danger of super-sexy roles

Analysis. Landing the lead in *50 Shades of Grey* could make or break the career of Dakota Johnson — just ask Elizabeth Berkley

Jennifer Lawrence once showed me a cellphone snap of herself dressed in a fierce black leather outfit.

She was hot off the success of her Oscar-nominated work in *Winter's Bone* and used the photo as part of her audition for a role that every actress of a certain age in Hollywood clamoured for in 2010.

She didn't get the part of Lisbeth Salander, the pierced and inked computer hacker star of David Fincher's remake of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* — the producers thought she was too tall. In the end, Rooney Mara got it, but not before auditioning five times and beating out better-known hopefuls like Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson and Anne Hathaway.

Girl with the Dragon Tattoo was 2011's big literary adaptation, ripe with star-making possibilities and lucrative franchise potential. It didn't pan out that way, but Hollywood hasn't given up on bringing bestsellers to the screen.

This week there are high hopes for *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Calling the story of college graduate Anastasia Steele and BDSM enthusiast Christian Grey a "literary" adaptation might be a stretch, but with 100 million books sold (including parts two and three) there are great expectations.

So, actors should be



Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan star in *50 Shades of Grey*. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

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crawling over one another to star in the film, right? Think again. Unlike *Dragon Tattoo*, young Hollywood ingenues have not been whipping themselves into a frenzy over *Fifty Shades*.

Shaileene Woodley had no qualms about performing the film's explicit bondage scenes, but was already tied up making the *Divergent* movies.

Emma Watson did have qualms. "Who here actually thinks I would do *Fifty Shades of Grey* as a movie?" she wrote on Twitter.

In the end, Dakota Johnson, better known as the daughter of Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith than for her work on the cancelled sitcom *Ben and Kate*, won the role. While it might make her a star, there are dangers involved with a project like this. Just ask Elizabeth Berkley.

Berkley was a wholesome teen model and star of the sitcom *Saved by the*

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The Last Five Years

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Bell when a role in Paul Verhoeven's 1995 sexploitation flick *Showgirls* left her career in tatters.

As the untested star who bared her soul and body in a big-budget film, she took the hit for the film's failure.

Almost 20 years later, she was still emotional about the backlash she suffered. After performing an erotic dance on *Dancing with the Stars*, she tearfully said, "it reconnected me to when I was just a young woman and took a risk creatively and did *Showgirls*. With that came a lot of doors being slammed in my face."

Will Johnson be the next Berkley?

According to the ticket-selling site Fandango *Fifty Shades of Grey* is the fastest selling R-rated title ever, so Dakota may yet be spared a tearful breakdown in *Dancing with the Stars* in 2035.

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Mystery & Suspense



Kingsman: The Secret Service

Director. Matthew Vaughn

Stars. Colin Firth, Michael Caine

Based upon the acclaimed comic book and directed by Matthew Vaughn (Kick Ass, X-Men First Class), Kingsman: The Secret Service tells the story of a super-secret spy organization that recruits an unrefined but promising street kid into the agency's ultra-competitive training program just as a global threat emerges from a twisted tech genius.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 77% Audience: 88%

Romance



Fifty Shades of Grey

Director. Sam Taylor-Johnson

Stars. Jamie Dornan, Dakota Johnson

E.L. James' kinky bestseller gets the big-screen treatment with this Universal Pictures/Focus Features co-production. The steamy tale details a masochistic relationship between a college student and a businessman, whose desires for extreme intimacy stem from secrets in his past.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 42% Audience: 87%

Animated



The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

Director. Paul Tibbitt

Stars. Tom Kenny

SpongeBob SquarePants, the world's favourite sea-dwelling invertebrate, comes ashore to our world for his most super-heroic adventure yet.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 75% Audience: 68%

Mystery/Sci-Fi



Project Almanac

Director. Dean Israelite

Stars. Sophia Black-D'Elia, Jonny Weston

A brilliant high school student and his friends uncover blueprints for a mysterious device with limitless potential, inadvertently putting lives in danger.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 36% Audience: 52%

Comedy



Jupiter Ascending

Director. Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Stars. Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum

From the streets of Chicago to the far-flung galaxies whirling through space, Jupiter Ascending tells the story of Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis), who was born under a night sky, with signs predicting she was destined for great things.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 23% Audience: 49%

Drama



Seventh Son

Director. Sergey Bodrov

Stars. Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore

In a time long past, an evil is about to be unleashed that will reignite the war between the forces of the supernatural and humankind once more. Master Gregory is a knight who had imprisoned the malevolently powerful witch, Mother Malkin, centuries ago. But now she has escaped and is seeking vengeance.

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Critics: 10% Audience: 45%

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Jackman getting back to his Aussie roots in new role

Interview. Actor says using his native accent while filming Chappie was 'great but weird'

It's not that often that Hugh Jackman gets a role speaking in his native Australian, so while working on the upcoming sci-fi thriller Chappie he had to get reacquainted with the dialect.

The 46-year-old Tony Award winner said in an interview earlier this week that using his own accent "was great but weird."

"I had to practice it because it was way stronger than my natural accent," Jackman said.

Jackman also admits brushing up on some of the Australian slang that writer-director Neill Blomkamp wrote for the part.

"He used a lot of phrases, and I had to end up Googling the slang," Jackman said. "Neill was coming up with some really cool sayings ... I was trying to think of more, so I ended up Googling some of them."

Chappie, which opens in



Chappie opens in theatres March 6. CONTRIBUTED

theatres on March 6, tells the story of a fallen police robot that is reprogrammed to think and feel for itself. Jackman said he had fun playing the film's antagonist, an engineer strongly opposed to artificial intelligence.

"We got to create this character that did stretch it a bit. We had a lot of fun with him from the look, his mannerism, the way he talked. At the same time, it was very much based in a reality that was needed for the movie in terms of the voice of caution," Jackman said.

Blomkamp is known for his sci-fi thrillers District 9 and Elysium.

The last time Jackman appeared in a film using his native accent was The Australian in 2008, opposite Nicole Kidman.

He did lend his voice to the 2012 animated film Rise of the Guardians.

Jackman, who just finished a Broadway run in the Jez Butterworth play The River, says he will hit the stage again next month. "My one-man show I did here on Broadway a few years back, I'm going to do in Turkey. I'm very excited about that," he said.

He added: "It should be fun. We'll see how the Turks like it."

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Falling in love with The Last Five Years

Dream roles. As an aspiring musical theatre actor, Jeremy Jordan thought this cult work by Jason Robert Brown was the cat's pyjamas; now, he's starring in the film

ie adaptation of Brown's cultishly adored song cycle about a young couple's falling in and out of love.

"It was fun because I knew it so well and I felt like I really connected to it when I first heard it and I still connected to it," Jordan said. "I got to share that love and connection with everybody else."

Like everyone starting out in musical theatre, Jeremy Jordan had a song from The Last Five Years ready to go in his back pocket.

Jordan, the Tony Award-nominated star of Newsies: The Musical and TV's Smash, had fallen in love with the Jason Robert Brown musical when it premiered in 2002 and added one of its tunes to his audition list.

"It was like the bar. It was the apex. It was like the thing you strived for," he recalled. "If you could do justice to a song from The Last Five Years, then you were in good shape as a musical theatre actor."

Now Jordan has upped his game. He's gone from having one of its songs down pat to starring in the first-ever mov-

Jordan co-stars alongside Anna Kendrick in the 95-minute film, which has been adapted and directed by Richard LaGravenese and hits theatres and video on demand Friday after making its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival.

It's the five-year love affair — told almost entirely in song — of aspiring actress Cathy and budding novelist Jamie, one on the rise and the other finding the going frustrating in mid-1990s New York.

Brown structured the story with a twist: Jamie starts at the beginning of the relationship and alternates songs with Cathy as he moves to the crushing end, while Cathy begins at the end and moves in reverse chronological order to the couple's sunny origin.

Quote

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Jeremy Jordan

While Brown had been approached about turning the musical into a film for years, no proposal really excited him until he spoke with LaGravenese, the writer and director of Beautiful Creatures and P.S. I Love You.

"I always thought it might make a nice movie, but I never really had a sense of what that movie was supposed to look like or anything like that," said Brown, who has a cameo as an audition pianist. "I'm very proud of it."

LaGravenese added some quirky, surreal touches and dance numbers to the heartbreaking naturalism of Brown's songs, and he made it modern with the use of Skype and cellphones. LaGravenese also pulled the theatrical piece into the world of film

by having the young lovers in the same scene, even if only one was singing.

It was filmed over 2 1/2 weeks in New York during the sweltering summer of 2013 and maintained its intimacy by having 90 per cent of it sung live. Prerecording the songs and then lip-synching them for cameras weeks later wasn't an option.

"You write songs about moments that are special, that are particular, that are meaningful and that are impactful. Every moment in the film is one of those moments," said Jordan, who, during the song Moving Too Fast, actually bikes through the city while singing. (The soundtrack is available for download.)

Things got a little more

real than the crew bargained for during a lunch break on the last week of filming when a thief opened the unlocked costume truck and made off with most of Jordan's clothes, including four pairs of expensive jeans cut specifically for Jordan.

"I was like, 'What are you going to do with a bunch of dude's clothes that are sized specifically to Jeremy Jordan's butt?'" he said, laughing. "I guess you have to find some very specific clients for that."

The finished film is something that Brown admits is still startling, even though the musical is done hundreds of times across the globe every year. His small, semi-autobiographical story is now on a huge screen, being sung by stars with enormous faces. "That part was an incredible head trip," Brown said, laughing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jeremy Jordan
GETTY IMAGES

Kendrick's singing chops didn't surprise insiders

Musical roles. Anna co-stars in The Last Five Years, but her vocal prowess isn't news to those who've seen Into the Woods or Pitch Perfect

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Ever since Anna Kendrick crooned the catchy single Cups in 2012's sleeper hit Pitch Perfect, she's become Hollywood's hottest rising singing star — subsequently starting in such big-screen musicals as Into the Woods and the upcoming Pitch Perfect 2.

The petite actor's unlikely vocal success may astonish some moviegoers, but it certainly didn't catch filmmaker Richard LaGravenese by surprise. "We cast her before Pitch came out, so we were really lucky," admitted the director of the indie musical The Last Five Years.

Based on the off-Broadway stage play by Jason Robert



Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan co-star in The Last Five Years. CONTRIBUTED

Brown, LaGravenese laughs in hindsight that it was a "gamble" to cast Kendrick at the time. "The deal with Jason was I would pick the actor because I needed actors who would be able to act and then he would tell me if they could sing," reflected LaGravenese with a laugh. "She was the first and only (she) was perfect."

The film follows the passionate relationship between a struggling New York-based actress (Kendrick) and her quick-rising novelist boyfriend (Jeremy Jordan of TV's Smash) as they manoeuvre the ups,

downs and possible demise of their romance.

"(Love stories) are difficult," admitted LaGravenese, who earned his reputation writing such lovesick stories as 2011's Water For Elephants and P.S. I Love You.

"The late (filmmaker) Sydney Pollack once said to me, 'Love stories are great up until they fall in love. Then after that, what do you do?' So my favourite love stories are the ones where people don't wind up together because, to me, relationships are really about finding out who you are."

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Novelists who like to crack the whip on set

Book adaptations.

Author E.L. James was reportedly determined to have her way with the film version of *Fifty Shades*, but she's not the only writer who's big on creative control

E.L. James wasn't willing to let others dominate the *Fifty Shades of Grey* film.

From the start of the development process, reports

swirled over the author's request for an unusual amount of creative control over the big-screen version of her erotic bestseller.

And as the S&M-focused, Vancouver-shot film gets set for release on Friday, more details have surfaced about just how much input she had.

Director Sam Taylor-Johnson recently told *Porter* magazine that "It was difficult" with James being so attached to the movie, admitting that they had "creative fights."

She also told the *Hollywood Reporter* "there were times when it was really, real-

Quoted

"There were times when it was really, really frustrating."

Director Sam Taylor-Johnson, on the 'creative fights' she had with E.L. James over the movie version of *Fifty Shades of Grey*

ly frustrating." But James isn't the only author who's been hands-on with a film adaptation of their work. Here are five examples of other writers who've also been involved in cinematic versions of their books. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Fifty Shades of Grey author E.L. James GETTY IMAGES

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter series

You could say Rowling had a magical contract with Warner Bros. for the film adaptation of her boy wizard series. She not only had a say in principal casting as well as the screenplays, she also had input on where the films were shot and got a producer credit. As Rowling told the *Times U.K.* in June 2000, she had "a huge amount of influence" in the development process.



J. K. Rowling

Cheryl Strayed, *Wild*

As Montreal director Jean-Marc Vallée told *The Canadian Press*, Strayed "became part of the team" while her memoir got the Hollywood treatment. She read various versions of the script and was an unofficial technical adviser as Vallée depicted her soul-seeking journey on the Pacific Crest Trail. Laura Dern, an Oscar nominee for playing Strayed's mother, said she bonded with the author on set and the two have since vacationed together with their families.

Reese Witherspoon and Cheryl Strayed



Suzanne Collins, Hunger Games trilogy; Gillian Flynn, *Gone Girl*

Collins co-wrote the screenplay for the first film in her dystopian adventure series and earned a producing credit for all three movies to be released so far. Meanwhile, Flynn was the lone screenwriter on the big-screen remake of her psychological thriller, which has earned star Rosamund Pike an Oscar nomination.



Suzanne Collins

Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

Chbosky went a step further than Collins and Flynn, not only writing the screenplay for his film but also directing it. It's perhaps understandable why he'd want to have full control over the adaptation of the hit 1999 coming-of-age novel. After all, the story of a shy and troubled teen who bonds with an eclectic group of seniors in high school is autobiographical.



Stephen Chbosky

Stephenie Meyer, Twilight series

Meyer reportedly had a close relationship with director Catherine Hardwicke during the initial stages of bringing her vampire saga to the screen. Meyer also visited the set, got a producer credit and a cameo in the first film, and was consulted on the story. According to *Entertainment Weekly*, Meyer was guaranteed "that the film would be true to her vision."

Stephenie Meyer



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Will you spend V-Day at *Fifty Shades*, or run the other way?

Opening night. Moms and other diehard fans hope to bond over the film with their significant others — but some men are tied up elsewhere

Brittany Brown wouldn't miss the opening of the *Fifty Shades of Grey* movie for anything. She has read and reread all three books, uses the app, follows FSOG role play on Twitter and set her DVR to record trailers for the highly anticipated Valentine's weekend release.

But ditching her boyfriend for her gal gang of superfans was problematic. "Feb. 14 is actually his birthday. He'll go out with his guy friends and

Quoted

"It's the most buzzed-about film in the mommy world in a long time."

Fifty Shades fan Lyss Stern

I'll see FSOG with my friends. Later that evening we'll all meet up to party. We'll celebrate Valentine's Day on Sunday as a couple," said Brown, a 22-year-old public relations intern in Silver Spring, Md.

Three years in the waiting, the opening of the erotic romance on sweethearts' weekend will be a breathless affair for *Fifty* diehards everywhere.

Some will have husbands in tow. Some already have tickets. And those book groups of mommies that helped propel

the bondage story to more than 100 million copies sold? They'll be crowding theatres, too.

Lyss Stern in New York will be one of them with 50 friends, including some very expectant ones. "Hopefully nobody will go into labour," she laughed.

Stern, 40, throws mom-centric social events for a living and once feted *Fifty* writer E.L. James at the height of mania over the books. Come Feb. 13, Stern will be handing out treats to her buddies when they take their seats in a Manhattan theatre. She'll include special sweets and other, er, stuff.

"There will be some fun toys, of course," she promised. "It's the most buzzed-about film in the mommy world in a long time. It's a *Sex* and the *City* kind of excitement. We know it's not going to win an Oscar,

but we also know it's going to be fun."

In North Hampton, N.H., you can count Lou Altman wholeheartedly, completely voluntarily, in. "My wife and I have been planning this date since the movie was announced," said the 50-year-old head of a satellite communications company. "Any half-smart husband will go see this movie with his wife. There WILL be a payoff."

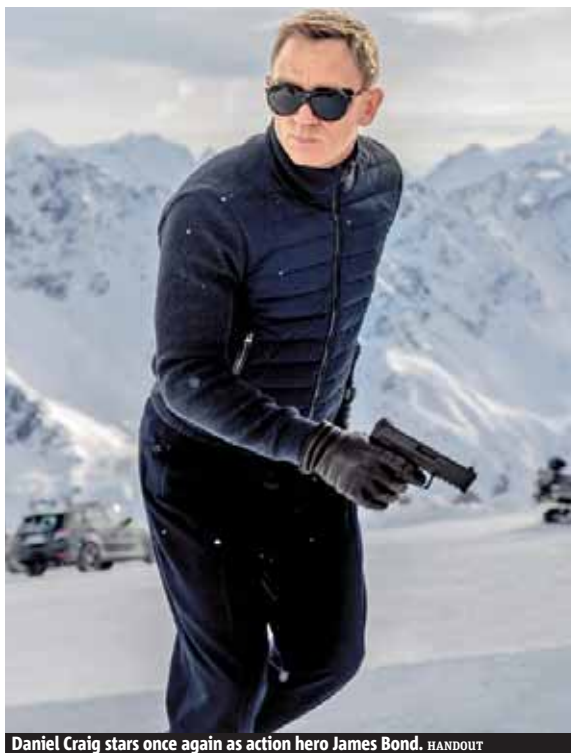
Oscar Mendizabal, 30, an Internet technology specialist in Los Angeles, is warming up to his *Fifty* movie date with his wife of nearly 12 years. They'll be joined by her brother and his girlfriend. He's given up on his plan to sneak into *American Sniper*. "At the end of the day," Mendizabal said, "I'm a sucker for love."

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Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson star in *Fifty Shades of Grey*. GETTY IMAGES

Spectre crew offers behind-the-scenes look at Bond



Daniel Craig stars once again as action hero James Bond. HANDOUT

Film. When in Rome, Stiller will strike a pose in Zoolander reboot

Actor and director Ben Stiller has finalized agreements to start production on a European-flavoured Zoolander 2.

Shooting will take place in Rome, and the film will feature a multinational cast.

Stiller had previously indicated that Rome was high on his wishlist for a second Zoolander film, and Feb. 10 saw Rome's mayor Ignazio Marino confirm via Facebook that plans were close to fruition.

"Ben Stiller will shoot his next film in our city this spring, with a cast of Americans and Italians," he wrote.

"Rome is returning to its status as one of great cinema's international destinations."

The first film helped cement the reputation of several comic actors who rose to fame as part of a loose affiliation dubbed the Frat Pack.

As catwalk clothing model Derek Zoolander (whose name was a send-up of '90s male supermodel Mark Vanderloo), Stiller had to overcome a rivalry with hunky young dreamer Hansel (Owen Wilson), woo an investigative journalist

**Zoolander** HANDOUT

(Christine Taylor) and defeat a global terror conspiracy orchestrated by a scheming fashion guru, Mugatu (Will Ferrell).

Stiller, Owen Wilson, Taylor and Ferrell are all tipped to return for *Zoolander 2*, which takes place a decade on from the events of its predecessor.

Penelope Cruz has been named as a high-profile newcomer, while Jonah Hill and model-turned-actress Cara Delevingne have also been linked with roles. **AFP**

Film. Breathtaking background teaser released from set of 24th 007 film

The Sam Mendes and Daniel Craig picture *Spectre* is currently filming in Europe, and behind-the-scenes footage recently released online reveals

aspects of what Associate Producer Gregg Wilson calls “one of the major action sequences of the movie.” That particular segment, which takes place high in the Austrian mountains, is “a jewel in the crown” according to Wilson, who commended the region for offering “everything that we needed to pull it off.”

Supporting cast members Léa Seydoux and Dave Bau-

tista offer their thoughts on production so far, with production manager Martin Joy weighing in on the challenges of shooting in such remote circumstances.

"There's all the difficulties of going somewhere that's so cut off, coupled with the weather difficulties, the altitude," he says, "but the payoff is stunning scenery and an incredible location."

And for those who want more of a glimpse of how Spectre might eventually turn out, there's a three-second shot of Daniel Craig as Bond involved in the climax of a life-or-death struggle.

That accompanies the first still image of Daniel Craig as Bond of Spectre; a Nov. 6 release beckons for North American and international audience. **AFF**

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METRO'S TAKE ON
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CELEBRITIES

Uma's got something to say about her chameleon complexion



We might be more used to Thurman's look below, but the actress says she's been a fan of the makeup-free face for years. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

So yeah, those photos of Uma Thurman on the red carpet earlier this week that got so much attention? She heard what you've been saying about them. Thurman stopped by the Today show for a chat and inevitably the online uproar around her new look came up. "I look weird," Thurman admits. "I guess nobody liked my make-up. I mean, I've been doing this for years and years and years, and people say things nice and they say things mean, and it's just like, whatever!"

And for anyone suggesting the new look might have something more to it than just a distinct lack of eye makeup, check out her Today show look, where it's back to the Thurman we all know and love. And she admits she'll likely not be rocking that shocking red carpet look again. "We saw how well the dark lipstick worked the other night," she joked.

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About that Blake Lively baby name...

So, early reports that Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds named their newborn daughter Violet have been thoroughly discredited, with Reynolds himself telling USA Today,

"No, that's not the name. I don't want to get into that, but I don't know where that

came from." Got it. So then what is the little girl's name? And why are you being so weirdly secretive about it? It's just a name. And according to an anonymous source that's tipped off E! News, that name is actually James. Yes, a baby girl named James. Sure, why not?



Blake Lively GETTY IMAGES

Could Bruce be at fault for crash after all?



Police have not issued a statement on which driver is ultimately at fault for the four-car pileup last weekend involving Bruce Jenner that left one woman dead, but the lawyer for one of the drivers involved feels pretty strongly it was all Jenner's fault. Roger Simon, legal counsel for the driver of a Prius also involved in the crash, says the reluctant reality star is most definitely at fault — which, to be fair, isn't that much of a surprise. Honestly, what's he going to do? Call up the press and insist his own client is guilty? Simon disputes the official account of the incident, alleging in the L.A. Times that Jenner actually struck the white Lexus driven by the victim, Kim Howe, before continuing on to hit his client's car as well.

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Valentine's Day. Chocolate Raspberry Crèmeux For Two beats store-bought treats



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Although we hardly need an excuse to enjoy a decadent dessert, it seems fitting to whip up something extra-special for Valentine's Day.

Dark Chocolate Crèmeux

1. In a bowl, combine the egg yolks and sugar with a whisk. Set aside.

2. In a saucepan, bring the cream to a boil. Remove from

the heat and add the chocolate. Allow to melt for 1 minute and stir until smooth. Gradually pour into the egg mixture, stirring constantly.

3. Add the butter and stir until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

White Chocolate Cream

1. In a bowl, place the chocolate. Set aside.

2. In a small saucepan or microwave oven, bring the cream to a boil.

3. Pour hot cream over chocolate. Allow to melt for 1 minute and stir the mixture with a whisk until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Macerated Raspberries

1. In bowl, combine raspberries, sugar and liqueur. Allow to macerate for about 5 minutes.

Assembly

1. Whip white chocolate cream with an electric mixer until medium-soft peaks appear.

2. On a large plate for two, spread the white chocolate cream. Using two tablespoons dipped in warm water, form five to six mounds, each with about 3 tbsp of dark chocolate crèmeux mixture. Place on the cream. Garnish with raspberries and serve with 2 spoons.

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Ingredients

Dark Chocolate Crèmeux

- 3 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup (53 g) sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) 35% cream
- 4 oz (115 g) dark chocolate, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp (28 g) unsalted butter, softened

White Chocolate Cream

- 1 oz (30 g) white chocolate, chopped
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) 35% cream

Macerated Raspberries

- 1/3 cup (42 g) raspberries
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) raspberry liqueur

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Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm having sparkling wine this Valentine's Day, how about you?

While I'm no poet, all you guys out there better take advantage of this Feb. 14 falling on a Saturday by bringing breakfast in bed to your significant other paired with a glass of something fresh and fizzy.

If expensive French champagne isn't in your snack bracket, pick up a bubbly made in the traditional method. The process developed in the Champagne region infuses wines with effervescence through a second fermentation in the bottle.

Most traditional method wines taste as close to champagne as you'll ever get for less than \$20, with those from Spain identified as Cava leading the pack.

If you prefer your bubbles to be less obvious, look to Italian Prosecco.

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Breaking bad habits

Germ warfare. Subtle daily tasks can make you more vulnerable to cold and flu viruses

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Good hand-washing is vital to avoiding colds and flu, but you might be surprised that some little bad habits might be exposing you to nasty germs.

Here are a few culprits that could be undermining your health.

Pressing elevator buttons

That elevator button at your place of work or your apartment building harbours harmful bacteria. According to a 2014 study in Open Medicine journal, 61 per cent of elevator buttons in three Toronto hospitals were col-

onized with bacteria. Toilets in the hospitals were also swabbed. You can probably guess where this is going: The toilet surfaces had significantly less bacteria than elevator buttons at 43 per cent. If you must touch the button with bare fingers, wash your hands after the elevator trip, or use your elbow, or even a pen cap to touch the buttons.

Being within six feet of someone with a cold

Although it may feel a bit rude, it's almost a natural instinct to edge away from someone sneezing or coughing rampantly. That instinct is correct and, actually, the distance you need is not

only arm's length, it's further. Six feet, or two metres, is the proper distance to keep away from individuals infected with the flu and colds, according to public health officials.

Touching your face

Wiping crumbs off your lips, scratching your cheek or even resting a chin in your hand are all ways you are physically depositing germs near your mouth and nose.

Chances are you touch your face many times in a day without even thinking twice about it. Public health experts say you should always wash your hands before touching your face. That's

not always practical, so if you can't get to a sink, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Be sure to rub the sanitizer over the tips of your fingers, not just around the palms of your hands.



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AUS women's hockey

Playoff schedule set to begin

The schedule is set for the AUS women's hockey playoffs, with the Dalhousie Tigers and Saint Mary's Huskies in the running for regional bragging rights.

Both Halifax teams play in best-of-three quarter-finals, with the Tigers playing Game 1 against the Saint Thomas Tommies in Fredericton on Monday.

The Huskies host the UPEI Panthers next Tuesday at Alumni Arena, with puck drop at 7 p.m. **METRO**

AUS men's hockey

Aigles Bleus, Huskies tied at 1-1

The Saint Mary's Huskies dropped a 5-1 decision to the Moncton Aigles Bleus in men's hockey playoff action Thursday.

Stephen MacAulay scored the lone Saint Mary's goal.

The teams face off for their third and final game of the AUS quarter-final series Saturday at the Halifax Forum. Game time is 7 p.m. **METRO**

UFC

Kelades returns to Octagon Saturday

Cole Harbour fighter Chris Kelades is back in the Octagon this weekend.

The 33-year-old mixed martial artist makes his second UFC appearance Saturday, taking on Ray Borg at UFC Fight Night 60 in Broomfield, Colo. His first fight was Oct. 4, when he defeated Patrick Holohan at UFC Fight Night in Halifax. **METRO**

Rainmen roll to rout of Miracles

NBL Canada. Kevin Young scores 36 points in a 53-point blowout



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The Halifax Rainmen rocked the court Thursday night.

The boys in blue and white dominated the Scotiabank Centre floor, with Kevin Young putting up 36 points and Tyrone Watson adding 23 en route to an impressive 123-70 win over Atlantic Division rivals the Moncton Miracles.

The game with the 53-point gap gives the Rainmen a 15-12 record, keeping them in second place of their division, while continuing to build the National Basketball League of Canada squad's confidence.

"It's about time stuff started going our way," said Watson, 24, as the 2,065 fans who cheered them to their fifth straight win filtered out of the downtown Halifax building. Watson also pulled down 10 rebounds.

After struggling to start the season, the Rainmen slowly started to find their footing and now seem to be standing tall, with strength found in recent big wins. They edged the Brampton A's 102-101 at home Feb. 6, then beat defending NBL Canada champions the Windsor Express 128-99 last Sunday.

"It was a great confidence booster," the six-foot-five, 230-pound forward said of



Halifax Rainmen forward Kevin Young gets a hold of the ball to score two of his 36 points en route to a 123-70 win over the Moncton Miracles on Thursday at the Scotiabank Centre. **KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO**

Next up

The Halifax Rainmen hope to make it six straight wins Sunday against the London Lightning. Tipoff is 2 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre. The Lightning are in second place of the Central Division with a 13-12 record, and this is their only visit to Halifax for regular-season play.

beating the league-leading Express, who have a 19-8 record so far this season. "It felt good to get that win — especially by that much."

The Rainmen certainly didn't have a sluggish start Thursday. They snagged a 29-12 lead after the first and increased that gap to 64-34 after the second quarter.

"We talked about it at halftime, that we were up by about 30, but that doesn't mean anything, because teams have come back before," said Watson, a New Mexico State Aggies alumnus

from Hamilton, Ont. "We came back out with the same intensity, the same defence."

With the home crowd and momentum clearly on their side, the Rainmen rolled to a 98-56 lead after the third quarter, creating highlight reel-worthy offence while keeping an eye on defence, as time ticked away on any chance of a miracle.

By the last couple of minutes, it was just a matter of the Rainmen running down the clock and walking away with their biggest win of the season.

"We're playing together," Watson said. "We're playing as a team."

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Rinne and Forsberg frustrate Jets

NHL. Nashville star goaltender and top rookie beat Winnipeg to keep hold atop league standings

Rookie Filip Forsberg set a franchise record with his 19th goal this season and also had an assist and the Nashville Predators beat the Winnipeg Jets 3-1 Thursday night for their fourth straight win.

Forsberg topped the rookie mark previously held by Alexander Radulov in 2006-07 with a power-play goal that put Nashville up 2-1 in the second.

Shea Weber had a goal and two assists, James Neal had a goal, and Roman Josi added two assists as Nashville maintained a three-point lead atop the NHL standings.

Pekka Rinne made 32 saves for his 32nd win. The goalie is 13-1-1 in his past 15 games for the Preds. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

On Thursday

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Predators

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Jets

• **Penguins 5, Senators 4.** David Perron scored the shootout winner to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a win in Ottawa.

• **Blues 6, Lightning 3.** Alex Steen had a goal and two assists to help St. Louis coach Ken Hitchcock (693) move into sole possession of fourth place on the NHL wins list in Tampa Bay.

• **Oilers 4, Canadiens.** Anton Lander scored 1:47 into overtime to lift the Edmonton Oilers to a 4-3 comeback victory over the Canadiens in Montreal.



Jets centre Mark Scheifele crashes into Predators goalie Pekka Rinne on Thursday night at Bridgestone Arena. **FREDERICK BREEDON/GETTY IMAGES**



Bulls forward Pau Gasol and Cavs star LeBron James will both be starters in this Sunday's all-star game in New York City. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Bulls break down Cavs before break

Derrick Rose scored 30 points, and the Bulls handed the Cavaliers just their second loss in 16 games, beating the Cleveland 113-98 on Thursday night in Chicago.

Pau Gasol added 18 points and 10 rebounds. Tony Snell scored 22, helping offset a 31-point performance by LeBron James, and the Bulls sent another strong signal that their recent struggles might be behind them.

They won their fourth straight after dropping 10 of 15 and entered the all-star break with a 1-1/2-game lead in the

Central division over the Cavaliers.

Chicago led most of the way against the NBA's hottest team and pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Both teams were missing key players, with Chicago's Jimmy Butler nursing a strained right shoulder and Cleveland's Kevin Love out with an abrasion in his right eye. But the Bulls did enough to come out on top.

Rose was aggressive from the start, going right at the rim, and finished two points shy of his season high.

Gasol posted his 14th straight double-double, the longest streak by a Bulls player since Michael Jordan's 15-game run in 1988-89.

Snell came up big again after scoring a career-high 24 against Sacramento on Tuesday. He shot 9 of 11 for the second straight game.

Joakim Noah added 10 points, 15 boards and seven assists, and Taj Gibson scored 13.

With Love out, James had little help. Kyrie Irving finished with 17 points but was 6 of 18 from the field.

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Notes

LeBron James had four assists, giving him 6,118 in his career to put him in sole possession of second place on the all-time list among forwards. He came in tied with John Havlicek but now only trails Scottie Pippen's 6,135.

• Jimmy Butler expects to play in Sunday's all-star game but will sit out the Skills Challenge, agent Happy Walters said.

NBA



"He's not relaxing. He wants to win, and he wants to try and win big. That's what he wants, and he's not just any player but your point guard, your lead player."

Raptors general manager Masai Ujiri on Toronto's lone all-star representative at this weekend's festivities in New York City. Lowry is averaging a career-high 18.8 points a game, and continues to endear himself to fans with his heart and hustle.

Giant slalom

Fenninger shows no fear to win gold

Anna Fenninger's ski tips nearly crossed going from one turn to the next late in her run, lurching her violently forward in Beaver Creek, Colo.

Somehow, the Austrian recovered. Improbably, she stayed on course. Even more implausibly, she hardly lost any speed.

Just that kind of world championships for Fenninger, where everything is going right.

Fenninger recovered from a near-wipeout to win the



Anna Fenninger also won gold in the super-G and silver in the downhill at Beaver Creek, Colo. **ALEXIS BOICHARD/AGENCE ZOOM/GETTY IMAGES**

giant slalom title Thursday.

Leading after the opening run, Fenninger posted a combined time of two minutes

19.16 seconds to beat Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany by 1.40 seconds.

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Golf

Daly a rare sight near top of board

Sunshine is always a pleasant surprise at Pebble Beach, and Thursday brought a real stunner: John Daly was near the top of the leaderboard.

With his best opening round on the PGA Tour in nearly 10 years, Daly kept a clean card on a magnificent day along California's Monterey Peninsula for a 7-under 65, leaving him one shot behind J.B. Holmes and Justin Hicks in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

International soccer

"Is he worth a place in the squad now? Of course he is."

England coach Roy Hodgson saying 21-year-old striker Harry Kane is ready for a spot with the men's national team. Kane, pictured, has 23 goals in 35 games for Tottenham Hotspur this season — 13 in the Premier League.



Hockey greatness in Cox's bloodline

WHL. League-leading scorer is a descendent of Stanley Cup winner and hall of famer

Trevor Cox never met his legendary great-grandfather Fred (Cyclone) Taylor, but he has adopted some of his on-ice traits.

Like his famous ancestor, the 19-year-old Medicine Hat Tigers centre can rack up points with regularity. Cox leads the WHL in scoring by a wide margin with 23 goals, 69 assists and 92 points.

"From what I hear, he was a great skater and one of my biggest assets is my skating ability and my speed," said Cox, a Surrey, B.C., native who is in his fourth season with the Tigers. "That'd probably be the one (similar) thing that stands out. I'd say I'm a skilled

'Hard to ignore'

Medicine Hat general manager and coach Shaun Clouston believes Cox can excel as a pro despite the NHL's tendency to draft bigger players, noting that several smaller skaters are shining right now.

- "It's hard to ignore the numbers that he's putting up," said Clouston. "He's had steady improvement. Those are good signs when you're looking at projecting players."

player. Obviously a good skill set seemed to come down the (family) line, and I was fortunate to get a pretty good skill set."

Cyclone Taylor, regarded as one of Canada's first and all-time hockey greats, starred in

the formative years of professional hockey. He won Stanley Cup titles with the Ottawa Senators (1909) and Vancouver Millionaires (1915) and earned selection to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1947.

"Hockey, it's just been inbred in me, and I've been very fortunate to be raised in such a great hockey family," said Cox.

Despite his puck-handling pedigree, Cox, who is listed at five-foot-eight and 164 pounds, was not chosen in last summer's NHL draft. But he will have a second — and final chance — at selection this year.

"Obviously, one of the knocks against me is my size, and it'll always be a knock," said Cox. "But I've just got to work on, I guess, proving people wrong — and keep improving every day."

The Tigers have a firm hold on second place in the Eastern Conference. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



What Trevor Cox lacks in size — he's listed at 5-8 and 164 pounds — he makes up for in speed and skating ability. The Medicine Hat Tigers centre has a comfortable scoring lead atop the WHL with 92 points. **DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES**

Ottawa's Homan homing in on Scotties three-peat



Rachel Homan is aiming to become the fourth curler to skip a team to three straight national women's titles. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

Rachel Homan is looking to join a select list of women's curlers who have skipped their teams to three straight national titles.

Standing in her way is a strong field at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, which includes the last woman to accomplish the rare three-peat — reigning Olympic champion Jennifer Jones of Manitoba.

Val Sweeting, who lost to Homan in last year's final at Montreal, will represent Alberta, three-time Canada Cup

champion Stefanie Lawton of Saskatchewan will skip the host province entry and five-time Scotties champion Mary-Anne Arsenault will represent Nova Scotia.

"Nothing is guaranteed," Homan said. "There are so many good teams at the Scotties and so much talent, it's definitely going to be a fight in every game for us to win."

Main draw competition begins Saturday at Mosaic Place. Other confirmed entries include Patti Knezevic of B.C., Julie Hastings of Ontario,

Quebec's Lauren Mann, Prince Edward Island's Suzanne Birt, Heather Strong of Newfoundland and Labrador and New Brunswick's Sylvie Robichaud.

Homan is aiming to join Jones (2008-10), Colleen Jones (01-04) and Vera Pezer (1971-73) as the only curlers who have skipped their rinks to three straight national women's titles.

The Team Canada entry has a different look this season.

Homan, third Emma Miszkew and lead Lisa Weagle

Rankings

3rd

Homan sits third behind Jones and Sweeting on the Canadian Team Ranking List.

added second Joanne Courtney from Sweeting's team as a replacement for Alison Kreviazuk, who left the rink to be with her boyfriend in Sweden.

"It feels like she's been on the team for longer than a year now, it's been really

good," Homan said of her new teammate.

In addition, coach Earle Morris ended his long run with Homan's side to coach his son's team this season. Richard Hart, who plays for Team Glenn Howard, will handle coaching duties for the defending champions at the Scotties.

The Scotties winner will represent Canada at the March 14-22 world women's curling championship in Sapporo, Japan.

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7	3	9	8	2	1	4	5	6
5	2	1	3	4	6	7	8	9
9	5	8	6	7	3	2	4	1
4	6	7	9	1	2	8	3	5
3	1	2	4	5	8	6	9	7
1	7	3	2	8	5	9	6	4
6	8	4	7	3	9	5	1	2
2	9	5	1	6	4	3	7	8

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will notice things today that people have overlooked. But don't expect many thanks when you point out what they have missed. Some people just do not want to be told anything.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You will see something to your advantage over the next 24 hours, something that can have a positive effect on your career. You will recognize it as soon as you see it.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't accept things just because the "experts" tell you they are true. All too often the "experts" are actually nothing of the sort.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't give up on something just because it does not seem to be working out the way you intended. That applies doubly if you have spent a lot of money on it. Give it time and you will eventually see a return on your investment.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It might be tempting to stick your nose in someone's business today but if you do you will likely regret it, especially if they know something about you that could be embarrassing.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't push yourself over the next 24 hours. Loved ones will happily share the burden of what you want done today, so spread the load. Work-wise, make this a day of planning.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will find it easy to forgive others' mistakes today but not so easy to forgive your own. You have set such high standards for yourself there are bound to be times when you cannot live up to them.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Information will come your way today that makes you wonder if some of the things you have been led to believe are true. It may upset you to discover that you have been misled.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

One way or another you must get your message across. Hopefully people will stop what they are doing and listen but, if not, grab hold of them and yell at them. They will hear you.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You seem to know just the right thing to say to get people on your side. Make that work in your favour today, especially when dealing with money. Your way with words could make you, and save you, a pile of cash

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Now that Mercury, planet of the mind, is moving in your favour again your head should be full of ideas. Take the initiative and start something new.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you need to be alone with your thoughts by all means go off on your own for a while. You don't have to make excuses to those who were hoping for the pleasure of your company. It's good to keep them wanting more.

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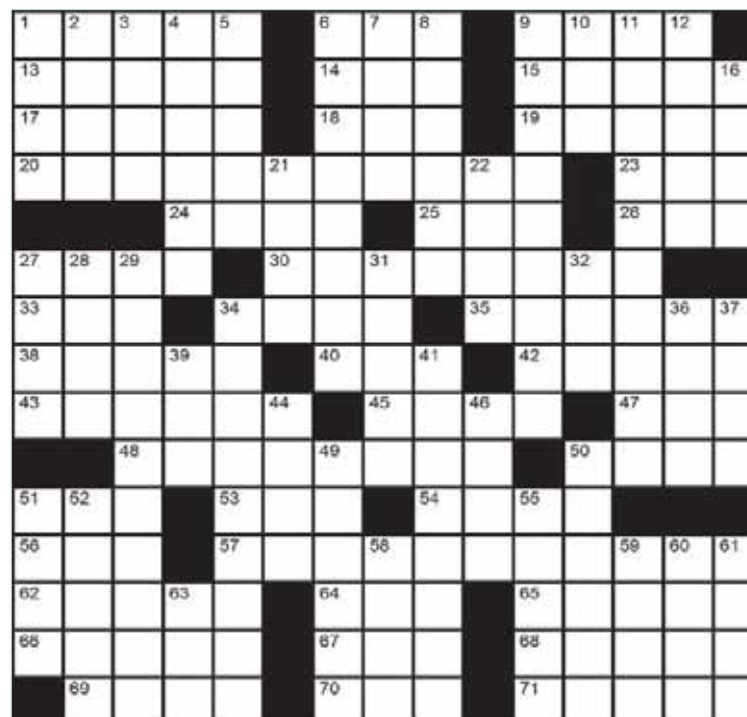
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Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "Cheers" character
6. Slangy put down
9. Church's vaulted part
13. Pantheon of Norse gods
14. Cousin on classic TV
15. Ringed and Harp
17. Fend, ___ off
18. "RCMP", e.g.
19. Birth a bovine
20. Shania Twain hit: 3 wds.
23. Neckwear
24. Texas city
25. Mr. Morrison
26. Sugar amt.
27. Goblins
30. Brewing company, ___-Busch
33. Paddle
34. Ore deposit
35. Water down
38. "Oh ___ Feeling": Hit for Hamilton band Crowbar
40. As written
42. Mr. Wilde
43. Freddy ___ (Music bigwig who was Madonna's manager for several years)
45. Tibia's locale
47. Josh
48. Exaltée's elevation
50. Castaway's refuge
51. Deed
53. ___-Cat (Ski hill machine)
54. Demeanor
56. Thames toilet



57. Non front-row-sitting person in Parliament
62. Thrust
64. Comparative suffix
65. Celebrity chef Guy
66. Ringo
67. Who?
69. Neil
- Young's "I ___ Child"

68. "___ to Be You"
69. America's Maritime Guardian org.
70. Myrna of movies
71. Branch beds
- Down
1. Wallet stuff
2. Actor Jared

3. "This ___ unexpected surprise!"
4. Journalist's basic questions: wd. + li'l bit more
5. Norse goddess of love
6. "The Stroll" by Canadian quartet The ___
7. Longing

8. Endeavoured
9. Space mission mystery on the CBC
10. The Princess and the ___
11. Familiar sights on Winter roads: 2 wds.
12. Canadian skating great Mr. Stojko
16. Permeate

21. Flight-related UN Agency headquartered in Montreal [acronym]
22. Lucy Montgomery link (Canuck writer)
27. "___ you do that?"
28. South Dakota dam
29. National Basketball League of Canada team: wd. + li'l bit more
31. Professional thief's operation
32. Chicago trains
34. TSN: Canadian sports broadcaster Michael
36. Follow the car
37. Earth: German
39. ___ kwon do
41. Denim-look shirt material
44. "99 Luftballons" by ___
46. Eurythmics' "Would ___ to You?"
49. Tea party, for one
50. Instigate
51. Shakespeare: ___ Well That Ends Well
52. Jean ___ (Quebec pharmacy chain)
55. Finally, in Montreal
58. Westerns: ___ Sabe (The Lone Ranger, to Tonto)
59. Devious chuckles
60. 'E' in QED
61. Frees
63. RCMP's French acronym

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